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20 CASUALTIES IN AMETHYST

Effective Reply, Admiralty Says

London, April 20.
The Admiralty said today a British destroyer replied effectively to heavy artillery fire as it steamed down the Yangtze River from Nanking to aid a grounded British sloop hit by Chinese artillery.
The destroyer, HMS Consort, reached the sloop, shelled and grounded about 80 miles below Nanking, the Admiralty said.
The brief Admiralty statement said "the Consort has come under heavy fire from field artillery to which she has replied effectively."
The Admiralty did not say whether the crew of the Consort suffered any casualties. Nor would a spokesman elaborate in any way on the terse communique.—Associated Press.

Decision Due Today On Telephone Rates

Do the words "existing charges for subscriptions" in the second paragraph of section 40 of the Telephone Ordinance 1925 include all the rates, annual rates and charges set forth in the schedule to that ordinance, or which are for the time being in force? If not, which of them, if any, are excluded?

This was the question submitted to a Board of Arbitrators for determination yesterday by the Hong Kong Telephone Company Limited and the Government.

The Board of Arbitrators, comprising Mr. John McNeill, barrister-at-law, appointed by the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, and Mr. P. D. A. Child, Assistant Commissioner, Inland Revenue Department, appointed by the Hong Kong Government, reserved their decision until this morning, after listening to submissions from both sides.

The case for the Hong Kong Telephone Company was presented by Mr. Eldon Potter KC, assisted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon KC and Mr. D. A. L. Wright (instructed by Mr. R. A. Watson of Deacons).

Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, and Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, represented the Government.

The arbitration was held in public in the South China Morning Post board room.

The questions referred to arbitration by the Hong Kong Telephone Company were:

"Are the now existing charges for subscription insufficient to make provision for the maintenance of an efficient service and for the payment for the time being of a dividend of eight per cent on the paid-up capital for the time being of the Company; and

"In the event of the answer of the Company's question being 'yes', to what sum or sums should the said rates or sums be increased to be, in the opinion of the arbitrators, adequate to provide for an efficient service and

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Ensign Still Flies On Grounded War Vessel SHELLS HIT CONSORT

SHANGHAI, APRIL 20.

AT LEAST 20 BRITISH SEAMEN WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED TODAY BY UNIDENTIFIED CHINESE SHORE FIRE ON THE BRITISH SLOOP AMETHYST, PROCEEDING FROM SHANGHAI TO NANKING ON THE YANGTSE RIVER.

The 2,000-ton warship was afire and grounded on Rose Island near Chinkiang, Yangtze hot spot in the sizzling Chinese civil war.

It was not known definitely whether the shore batteries were Communist or Nationalist. The Communists line the North bank, the Nationalists the South. Neither was it known whether the British answered the shore guns. It is believed, however, the guns were fired by the Communists.

The British destroyer Consort, according to a naval attaché in Nanking, has reached the burning Amethyst. The British cruiser London and the frigate Black Swan plowed upstream from Shanghai to the scene.

Consort has also been damaged by shell fire in the lower Yangtze River today and suffered casualties to its crew.

Details of the damage suffered by both Amethyst and Consort are still unknown here. Only brief radio messages of dramatic attacks on British warships on a peace mission in China to protect Britishers have been received in the Nationalist capital.

Running a gauntlet of Red fire from the North bank of the Yangtze River 15 miles East of Chinkiang, Consort this afternoon sighted the Amethyst but was unable to render assistance.

The point where the Amethyst had run aground is reported to be bristling with the artillery of several Red armies poised ready for the expected offensive across the Yangtze into South China if the peace talks collapse at midnight tonight.

First reports to British naval and consulate sources here said Amethyst suffered heavy damage and "many casualties." Later a British Embassy spokesman in Nanking said known casualties totaled 20 men. He did not know how many, if any, were dead.

Amethyst carried a complement of eight officers and 140 men, the Nanking Naval Attaché said.

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Princess Elizabeth, carrying a traditional posy of Spring flowers, is bade farewell by the Dean of Westminster after she had attended the age-old ceremony of Maundy Money at Westminster Abbey.

Anzac Day To Be Marked In HK On Sunday

Tribute will be paid on Sunday at 10 a.m. all over the world to the glorious dead in matchless bravery of the men of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who 34 years ago on April 25 landed at Gallipoli.

The guns of the Royal Navy covered this immortal landing men from the Dominions, helped silence some of the fiercest fire that met them on their predestined landing point.

From a combination of names of these Corps, the form abbreviation of ANZAC was formed.

Wreaths will be laid at Memorial Service to be held at the Cenotaph on Sunday. It will include the following:

Representatives of the ANZAC Day Committee, The Australian Government Trade Commissioner, The Hon. Agent for the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, The Heads of the ANZAC Services Stations in the Colonies, Members of the Consul General and other Trade Commissioners, Representatives from British, Australian and New Zealand Service Associations.

Prayers will be offered by Right Reverend Monsignor Feroldi, Vicar General, and the Reverend Mr. H. L. Lippincott, S.C.A., who will read the Recessional, followed by the two-minute silence in memory of the fallen in two World Wars. Also to participate in the Memorial Service will be the Regimental Band of the Buffs and members of the Royal Navy, (Gloucestershire Regiment, and Royal Air Force).

Govt Rejects Red Peace Ultimatum

Nanking, April 20.

The Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, told the Chinese Parliament today the Government had rejected the Communist proposed peace agreement in its present form.

The Premier said the Nationalists had asked the Communists to reconsider their demands for immediate surrender of the Government.

National peace delegates in Peiping have been instructed to convey the Government's answer to the Communists at once, he said.

Tense Chinese gunners on both sides of the Yangtze River awaited the order to commence firing.

The government answer claimed 20 days of hectic negotiations in Peiping and was given on the day set by the Communists as the deadline for the Nationalists to reply to their peace terms.

Observers are now closely watching the Communist reaction which will determine whether the Peiping negotiations would be called off or not.

The official source said the government peace delegation will stay in Peiping and continue negotiations as long as it is permitted. This apparently the odium of breaking the peace talks on the shoulders of the Communists.

The government rejection was said to have been cabled in the form of instructions to the government peace delegation in Peiping this afternoon for immediate delivery to the Communists. It was not accompanied by any direct communication or appeal to the Communists.

Responsible official sources said the rejection was couched in "very polite" terms. They said it informed the Communists their 24 demands, as they are, cannot be accepted in toto and asked the Communists to reconsider their attitude.

Counter-Proposals
The sources said the government also submitted some counter-proposals concerning

Consort Message

Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, second in command of the British Eastern Fleet, is aboard HMS Consort.

Messages from Consort have not yet made it clear whether Amethyst is aground because she was holed or because of trying to manoeuvre to avoid bombardment.

British naval authorities in Nanking doubt the 51st Army's report that Amethyst hoisted the white flag during the bombardment and think that the warship ran up another flag to indicate its identity.

Before Consort reported contact with Amethyst this afternoon an RAF plane on a regular weekly Hong Kong-Shanghai-Nanking diplomatic shuttle as well as Nationalist Army reconnaissance planes and a Chinese Navy gunboat joined the search.

It is understood however that the Chinese gunboat did not venture into the area where Amethyst was found, an area which is considered by Nationalist forces to be bristling with Communist artillery.

Foreign air observers late today sighted the British destroyer Consort exchanging fire with shore guns 15 miles below the spot where the sloop Amethyst was hit earlier.

Flag Still Flies
The observers, who were not named, said the destroyer was proceeding toward Shanghai with British markings plainly visible.

Both North shore artillery and small arms fire was directed at the British warship, the observers reported.

The observers said Consort, which left Nanking this morning, may have stopped to pick up casualties aboard Amethyst.

The observers said Consort may be firing to cover itself as it proceeds downstream towards Shanghai.

From their plane the observers said there was no sign of activity aboard Amethyst. The sloop was still flying its flag, they said. That indicates the ship has not been abandoned.

No firing was observed in the vicinity of the sloop.

British authorities reported that earlier in the afternoon Consort attempted to contact other British vessels by radio.

No Devaluation Of HK Dollar--Govt

Government yesterday discounted current rumours of an impending devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar.

The rumours are officially described as "irresponsible and unwarranted."

A Government spokesman added that the Colony rests on a sure basis of financial security. He also denied reports of a contraction in the note issue.

The official statement on the subject yesterday added:

"The Colony's currency is linked to sterling. Since 1935 the Hong Kong dollar has been maintained at one shilling and three pence both before and following the Japanese occupation."

"All Hong Kong currency notes above the value of one dollar are issued under authority from Government by the three note-issuing banks—the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and the Mercantile Bank. All the note issues are fully covered by sterling."

"The Hong Kong Currency Ordinance of 1935 established an Exchange Fund under the control of the Financial Secretary for the maintenance of the exchange value of the currency and subject to audit at all times. All the note-issuing banks surrendered to this Fund all the silver coin and bullion which had previously been deposited as security for their note issues."

"For every note issued by them, the note-issuing banks are required to surrender to the Fund sterling to the full face value. Against the surrender of the sterling, the Financial Secretary issues a certificate of indebtedness."

"Since 1935 the Exchange Fund has accumulated by way of surrender of silver and of interest on the funds deposited sufficient to cover not only the entire note issue but also those irregularly issued by the Japanese during the war."

"Since public faith had been pledged by the use of the normal issue, even by an enemy, these latter notes were honoured in agreement with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, at considerable loss to public funds and to the Bank."

"There have been rumours of a contraction in the note issue. The truth is the reverse."

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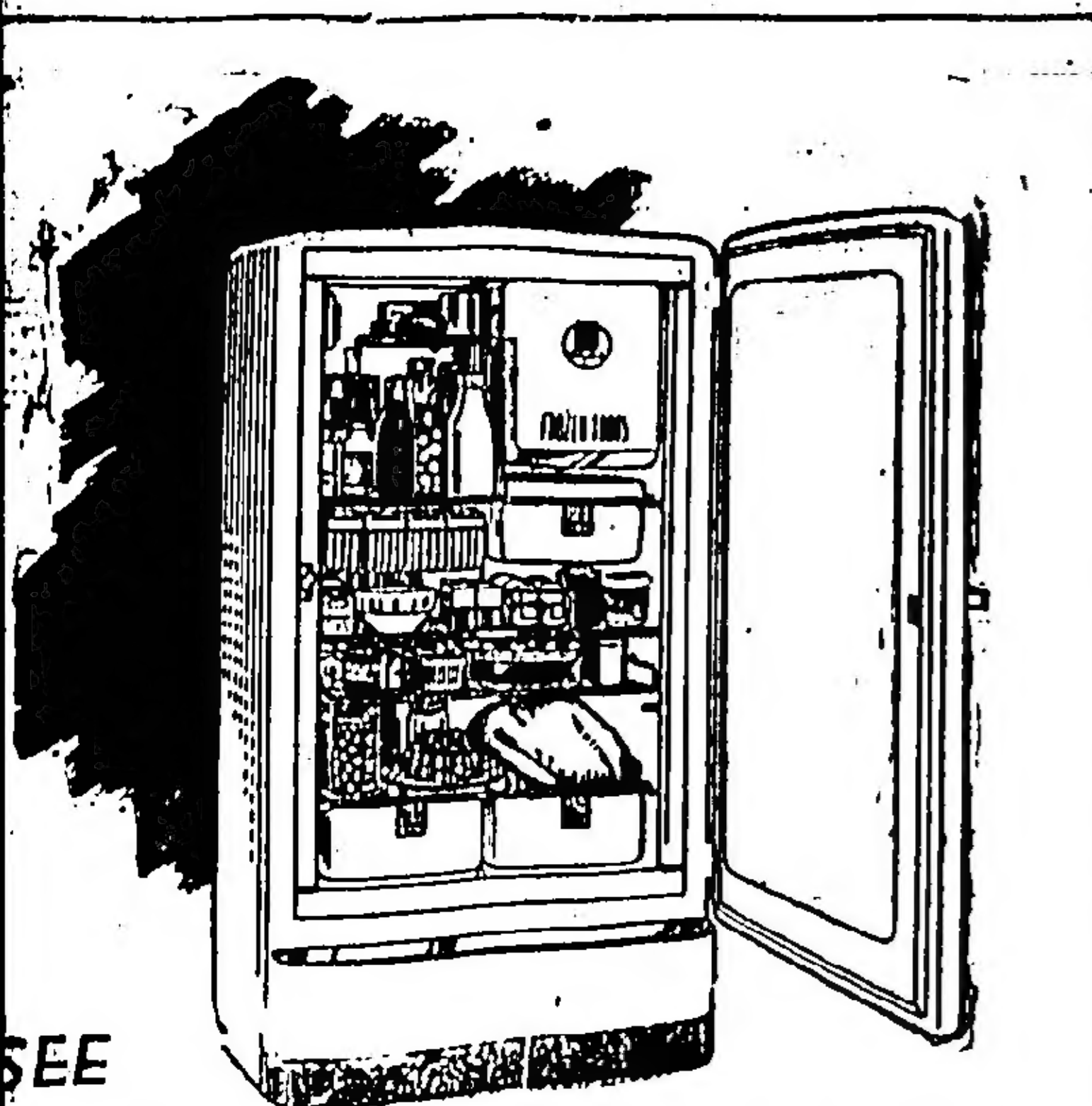
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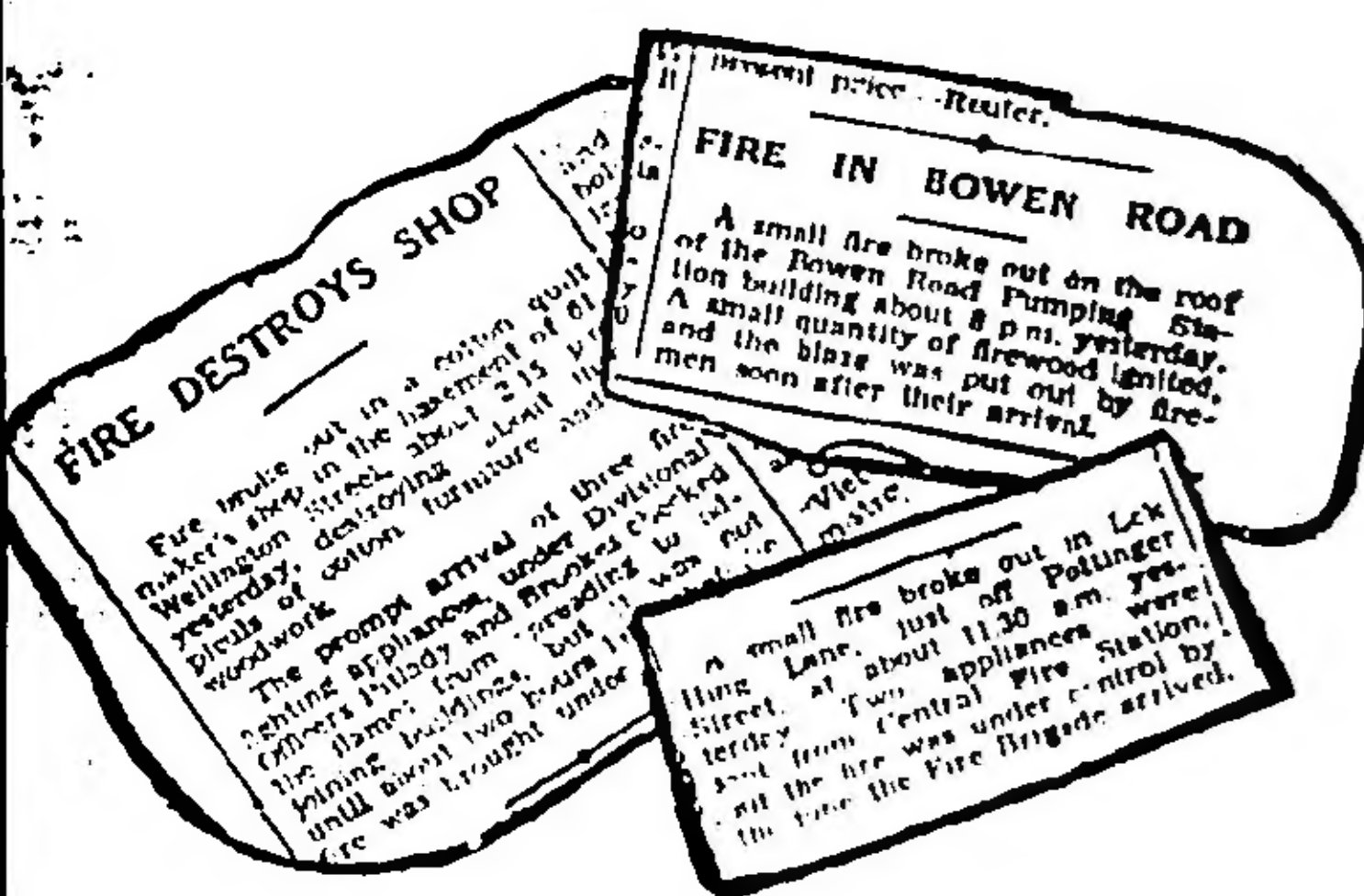
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The heavy downpour over the week-end caused this wall in Link Road, Caroline Hill, by the Po Leung Kuk, to collapse. ("China Mail" Photo).

"World Peace Congress" Anti-Western Propaganda

Paris, April 20.

Communist and Leftist leaders from 69 countries converged on Paris yesterday to launch the "world peace congress" today.

The rank of the delegates indicates that the Congress will be an organised offensive on the propaganda front against the North Atlantic treaty. The Communist press has called this treaty an "instrument of war."

In Prague, Czechoslovakia's Communists hastily organised an "overflow" peace congress for some delegates from behind the Iron Curtain who had not been permitted to attend the Paris meeting. The French Government refused to allow more than eight delegates from each of several Communist-dominated countries.

Russian, Chinese, Mongolian, Polish, Rumanian and Hungarian delegates will be among those at the Prague sounding board congress, which will run five days concurrently with the Paris meeting.

Pietro Nenni, Italian pro-Communist Socialist, is to make one of the first reports to the Paris gathering this afternoon. He said it will concern the origins and background of the North Atlantic Alliance.

Frederick Joliot-Curie, member of the French Communist Party and chairman of the French Atomic Energy Commission, will make the opening address to the 2,000 or more delegates.

Marshall Plan

Louis Aragon, editor of the Paris Communist newspaper "Ce Soir," foreshadowed the nature of the congress several days ago when he listed these committees:

- 1—Denunciation of the armaments race.
- 2—Role of the United Nations in keeping peace.
- 3—Denunciation of the propaganda for war.
- 4—Respect for national sovereignty—an item that may make the Marshall Plan its target.
- 5—The role of economic relations in keeping peace.
- 6—Role of women and youth in peace.
- 7—Founding of a "Rally of Peace Partisans." This would be a permanent organisation to end

a war in case one starts. M. Aragon suggested "workers" might do this by refusing to work or fight, or by emulating the Bolsheviks in the Russian revolution of 1917 in "war-mongering" countries.

Japanese Flag

The entrance to the Congress Hall was draped with flags of countries represented. Spain was represented in the collection by the Spanish Republican tricolor. Oddly, Greece was represented by the Monarchist emblem and China by the Kuomintang colours of the Nationalist flag.

For the first time at a post-war meeting in Paris, the Japanese Red Sun also hung with the rest, though a Congress leader said that General Douglas MacArthur had prevented Japanese delegates from leaving their homeland.

The British delegates selected include Dr. Hewitt Johnson, "Red" Dean of Canterbury, Lord Boyd Orr, Chancellor of Glasgow University, Professors J. R. S. Haldane and P. M. S. Blackett, Mr. Konal Zilliacus, Mr. John Platts-Mills and Mr. D. N. Pritt, Members of Parliament.

A representative of Alexis, Patriarch of Moscow and All-Russia, will be in the Soviet delegation, and the Patriarch himself may attend. The Czech delegation will include Emil Zatopek, star of the 1948 Olympic Games in London.

The German news agency, DPD, reported in Berlin that the German delegation will include Arnold Zweig, the writer, Otto Nuschke, Chairman of the Executive of the Christian Democratic Union and President of the People's Council in the Soviet Zone, a representative each of the Catholic and Protestant Churches, and a secretary of the trade unions in the Soviet Zone.—Associated Press and Reuter.



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IRISH FACING FUTURE WITH A LIGHT HEART

Dublin, April 20.

The Irish, fully free of British rule at last, face the future with a light heart, a world full of friends and money in the bank.

Many problems confront them, but they face these unafraid. They have closed the books on 780 years of rule by a foreign power, and they feel the future will be what they make it.

They intend to make it a good one. Individually the people are poor, but they have every hope that they will not stay that way.

They still look darkly at the six counties of Ulster which have chosen to stay in the British Commonwealth. The Irish call this their number-one problem—to draw those counties into the free Republic of Ireland. President Sean T. O'Kelly says he hopes to see that goal reached within a generation.

But in Ulster, the Press and politicians called suggestions of federalisation within the republic unthinkable.

W. B. Topping, Chief Government Whip in the Northern Ireland Parliament, said an unbridgeable gulf separates them. Economically, free Ireland is sound. Her main business is agriculture, and with British shipping for far more beef and other produce than the Irish can produce, the former has an assured market.

Marshall Plan dollars are available to this new republic along the way.

Standing Army

Ireland has an army, rich in military tradition, such as few nations of her size. The standing army numbers about 8,000 men, well trained and disciplined. There is an officer for every four men in the ranks to give the basis for swift expansion if need arises.

It is a small but complete ground force, backed by an air arm of Spitfires and Hurricanes and a force of naval gunboats.

Irishmen have been trained to fight since the days of the Druid. Men who run the army are sons of those who fought with picks, pitchforks and muzzle loaders in the days of British rule.

Major-General William Archer, Chief of Staff, got his military training by helping to beat the forces of the Empire with hand-forged swords and stone.

The 2,500,000 Irish who danced and sang and shouted to celebrate their independence are intent on earning a living, and business is good again.

Much Poverty

Still there is much poverty. The average wage of the Irish working man is about half the average paid in the United States, but about equal to the average in Britain.

Many people wear tattered clothes, because they can afford no better. But the average Irishman is not much worried about

that now. He expects his leaders to solve the problem of raising living standards just as he expects them to get those six Ulster counties back from Britain.

Ireland's currency is still linked to Britain's. Irish banknotes still bear the promise that they are payable on demand in London. A lot of Irishmen think that should be changed without much delay.—Associated Press.

PETITION TO END PARTITION

Melbourne, April 19.

A petition demanding an end to the partition of Ireland was signed at an Irish rally in the Melbourne industrial suburb of Fitzroy tonight and addressed to Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, and Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Heading the signatories is the Most Reverend Dr. Daniel Mannix, Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, who told the rally that there can never be peace and friendship between Ireland and Britain until partition is wiped out.

The petition describes partition as "heinous and inequitable" and Britain's attitude towards it as "dishonourable and unworthy of a great nation."—Reuter.

BRITISH ENVOY TO TURKEY

London, April 19.

Sir Noel Charles, new British Ambassador to Turkey, conferred today with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, before leaving for Ankara.

Sir Noel will go to Paris and then to Marseilles, where he is due to sail for Turkey on May 6. His predecessor, Sir David Kelly, now Ambassador to the Soviet Union, will leave Ankara on May 5. Foreign Office quarters said.—United Press.

NEED FOR COMMON LANGUAGE

New York, April 19.

William Griffin, national president of the English-speaking Union of the United States, today commented on President Sean O'Kelly's proposal to substitute Gaelic for English as the official language of the new Republic of Ireland.

"Gaelic as a tongue is beautiful as it is ancient and a noble contribution by the Celtic people to the culture of the world," said Mr. Griffin. "Certainly, no one would see it lost. But it would seem to be unfortunate for the Republic of Ireland to substitute Gaelic for English as the official language of Ireland."

"Most peoples of the world, divided by geographical differences and political schisms, need a bond that only a common language can provide."

"History has shown over and over again the incalculable benefits that accrue from sharing similar traditions, heritages and, above all, a common tongue."

"Ireland has separated herself from the British Commonwealth of nations. It would be unfortunate indeed were she to separate herself from the entire English-speaking world."—United Press.

LEGLESS PILOT AS DELEGATE

Moscow, April 19.

A Russian legless wartime pilot, Alexei Maresiev, who went back to fly with artificial limbs, is one of the Soviet delegates attending tomorrow's World Peace Congress in Paris.

Maresiev was shot down by the Germans in the Volhynia Lulek region in 1942. Wounded in both legs, he crawled for 18 days and nights through a forest before being found. Both his legs had to be amputated.

In June, 1943, he returned to active service and shot down four German planes. He is now training legless pilots. His adventures are related by Boris Polevoi in a book called "The Story of a Real Man," which was filmed.

An opera is being worked out by Prokofiev, based on Maresiev's experiences.—Reuter.

Colossal Cotton Plans Of ECA

Washington, April 20.

Cotton purchase approvals under the Marshall Plan amounted to US\$444,000,000 during the first year of the programme, a survey of ECA records shows.

The funds are sufficient to procure about 2,550,000 bales of raw cotton, ECA said, and were destined for recovery operations in 10 European nations and China.

Of the total authorisations, more than US\$375,000,000 was approved for purchase of 2,157,000 bales by countries of Europe. These include shipments to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Western Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

The 400,000 bales approved for China accounted for US\$49,000,000. Figures in the survey include authorisations up to March 12.

ECA's cotton division said the shipments not only provide a source of fabric needed by recipient nations, but also extensive employment needed to convert and manufacture the raw cotton into finished products.

A further indication of the magnitude of the cotton programme is given by ECA.

It said that one bale of raw cotton, if made into dress material, would provide sufficient fabric for about 600 house dresses.

The 2,550,000 bales already approved for Marshall Plan purchases could fill more than 100 cargo ships.—Associated Press.

JEWISH TRUCK ATTACKED

Tel Aviv, April 20.

Six Jewish workers were killed and five wounded, three seriously, when a truck in which they were travelling was ambushed yesterday in Israel's Negev desert, south of the Dead Sea, according to a military spokesman in Tel Aviv.

The assailants are described by survivors as Bedouins, the spokesman said, adding that the region is now being searched by Israel Army units.—Associated Press.

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RUSSIAN APPROACH ON BERLIN CRISIS

Berlin Peace Feeler Said Exaggerated

Lake Success, April 19. A senior United Nations diplomat said today that reports of a Soviet feeler on Berlin have been warped and exaggerated, but he admitted that there might be some foundation to the flood of unconfirmed stories of a new Russian proposal on the Berlin situation.

The diplomat said he knows nothing about reports that a proposal has been made by the Soviet delegate to the American representative, Mr. Jacob Malik, Soviet representative, refused to comment.—United Press.

JAVA'S DOLLAR POSITION

New York, April 20. Joseph W. van der Laan, Commercial Attaché at the U.S. Consulate-General in Batavia, told a news conference yesterday: "The dollar exchange position of Indonesia is most critical."

Prior to the suspension of Economic Co-operation Administration grants on December 22, Mr. Van der Laan said, it was estimated that about US\$50,000,000 of an US\$84,000,000 programme had been authorized by ECA for Indonesia.

"Commitments for the purchase of goods in dollar areas had been made by Indonesia in anticipation that the total sum of US\$84,000,000 would be made available," he said.

"This means," he added, "that the Indonesian commitments above the amount already authorized by ECA will have to be

London, April 19. The recent press reports of a Soviet approach to the United States on the possibility of reopening the four-power talks on Germany if the Berlin blockade were lifted are substantially accurate, according to usually well-informed quarters here tonight.

The original approach from the Soviet Union is understood to have been entirely informal and its outcome is still considered uncertain.

The United States Government is understood to have consulted the British and French Governments on their attitude and has attempted to get a clarification of what precise steps the Soviet Government would contemplate as a means to ending the present deadlock.

The view of the British Government is believed to be that the Berlin blockade must be lifted before any further meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers can be held and that the plans for setting up a West German Government must not be interrupted by the resumption of four-power talks. British policy will certainly not support a manoeuvre whose principal aim is only to delay the development of political independence in Western Germany. Towards which considerable progress was made at the recent three-power talks in Washington. Concrete Russian action to lift the blockade of Berlin appears in nearer today despite a cloud of contradictory rumours.

German informants close to the Russian military administration in Berlin who yesterday stated that the Soviet financial expert, Major General

paid from the already greatly depleted fund of dollars. U.S. imports from Indonesia in 1948 totalled US\$75,533,000, of which US\$44,040,702 represented crude rubber, he said. There are prospects that imports of tin, palm oil, and leaf tobacco will be increased this year.—Associated Press.

Caustic Duel Of Words At UN

Lake Success, April 19.

The Filipino and Russian delegates today exchanged some pleasant and some caustic views on and off the floor of the General Assembly Political Committee on a number of subjects.

They ranged from the Gambia case to whether the Philippines or the Soviet Union has a superior brand of "democracy."

It all started during a debate on whether Hungary and Bulgaria should be invited to testify in the United Nations hearing on the Mindszenty case.

Mr. Jose Topacio Nuño (Philippines) argued that they should because the first principle of democracy is that all interested parties should be heard before a decision is taken. He said that even the Soviet bloc nations speak constantly of their "democracy" and, unless they fear that further interested parties such as the Vatican will be invited to testify, they should be glad to invite Hungary and Bulgaria.

Mr. Jacob Malik (Russia) replied that the Eastern European "people's democracies" are truly democratic, which is more than can be said for some countries "controlled by Wall Street and those which carry out the orders of the dollar."

Mr. Malik asked what attitude Australia would take if the United Nations should similarly undertake an inquiry into the Australian "policy of discrimination against veterans of the Allied forces of Philippine origin."

Mr. Nuño said that instructions from the chief Philippine delegate (Mr. Carlos Romulo) pre-

vented him from replying immediately during a formal debate, but he approached Mr. Malik after adjournment for what he smilingly described as an "exchange of views."

In The Open

The Philippine delegate said he told Mr. Malik that Filipinos feel similarly about the Gambia case, but that "your remarks about Wall Street were not justified."

"At least Wall Street is part of a country which is helping to feed the world. Wall Street is part of a democracy which is out in the open—behind no Iron curtain. Wall Street helped win the war too, you know."

"It seems to us Filipinos that when Soviet countries use the word 'democracy' it is just a name, not a practice. We feel we have a better democracy than yours. Why don't you let us come and see yours? If you could convince us, perhaps we would become your best propagandists."

Mr. Nuño then said Mr. Malik replied: "You will see some time." He related later with a grin: "It ended with my dragging a rather reluctant Malik over to one side to have our picture taken—shaking hands."

United Press.

Still in Germany

General Malin was in Berlin about 10 days ago for top level talks with the Soviet Military Governor, General Vassili Zhukov, and had been named in Soviet political quarters in Berlin as a suitable envoy if peace feelers should be put out in Washington.

This gave rise to reports that he had already gone. The information section of the Soviet Military Administration stated today that General Malin is at present attending the Soviet Spring manoeuvres in Mecklenburg as Staff Officer, the German news agency Dena reported.

Among the rumours today was one that General Frank Howley, American Commandant who has come to Warsaw, had left on a secret mission.

It is suggested that he will negotiate with Polish diplomats acting as go-between for America and Russia.

But official American and British sources in Berlin flatly contradict this interpretation of General Howley's visit, which, they state, is purely personal.

Barter Offer

Another story is that Marshal Laventl Beria, head of the Soviet internal security forces, will visit Berlin in the next few days to confer with senior Soviet officials and make important decisions on the situation in Berlin and the Soviet zone.

This emanates from German sources close to the Russians in Berlin.

The American-licensed newspaper "Abend" reports that the Soviet authorities, acting through German agents, have offered the West Berlin city administration 100,000 tons of potatoes in exchange for steel products, thus, in effect, breaking their own blockade.

Responsible city officials know nothing of any such offer.—Reuter.

Future Of Religion In The Orient

Geneva, April 20.

The future of Christianity in Asia is to be discussed at a conference of Christian leaders from Asiatic countries to open at Bangkok on December 4.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

Problems to be considered include the co-operation of Asia's Christian churches, the relationship between Christianity and the major Asiatic religions, and the adaptation of Evangelical methods to the new social, economic and political factors in Asia. Countries to be represented at the conference include China, Japan, Korea, India and Pakistan. European and American missionary leaders are also expected to take part.—Associated Press.

Princess Margaret To Tour Italy

London, April 19. Princess Margaret is going to Italy for a private tour next month.

This will be the second trip to the Continent for the Princess, who is 19 next August. It is also the first visit by a member of the Royal Family to an "ex-enemy" territory since the war.

The actual date of her departure has not yet been decided but Princess Margaret will leave early in May, and will spend four weeks in Italy, visiting the main centres of historic and artistic interest.—Reuter.

Russian Plans For Germany

Berlin, April 19.

German sources in close contact with the Soviet Administration said tonight that the Soviet authorities in Berlin have ordered Soviet zone German politicians to complete all plans for the setting up of an East German Government before June 1.

According to the same sources the present reported visit to Berlin of Vladimir Dekangov, former Soviet Ambassador in Germany, may be connected with these plans.

German newspaper reports today said that Dekangov told leading Soviet zone politicians that after an East German Government has been formed and a peace treaty has been signed, no more reparations payments will be necessary.

Other German reports state that no final decision on whether an East German State should be set up has yet been reached.—Reuter.

U.S. PILOT IN WILTS CRASH

Ludgershall, Wiltshire, April 19. A United States Air Force pilot is believed to have been badly injured after his Meteor jet plane crashed near here tonight.

The pilot, whose name is given as Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Orr, was taken to Tidworth Military Hospital.

Lieutenant-Colonel Orr is attached to Fighter Command.—Reuter.

BERLIN AIRLIFT

Berlin, April 19. A total of 928 American and British airlift planes brought 7,510 tons of food, coal and other supplies into Berlin in the 24 hours ending at noon today. United States airlift headquarters announced tonight.

In the week ending last Sunday 42,103 tons of supplies, about two-thirds of which was coal, were flown into the city. In the same week 534 tons of German industrial freight were flown back to Western Germany.—Reuter.



This lightweight three-wheeler, invention of German Engineer Fend of Rosenheim, Upper Bavaria, is Germany's cheapest yet. Its price is 900 marks—about £67. 12. 0. The car is about five feet long, has a 1 horse-power engine and will run at 27 miles an hour.—AP Photo.

PRIEST PENALISED FOR "DEFIANCE OF SUPERIORS' ORDERS"

Boston, April 19.

Father Leonard Feeney, Jesuit teacher and author, said today that he had been "silenced" by Archbishop Richard Cushing because "I believe there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church and Archbishop Cushing believes there is."

Father Feeney supported three Boston College lay instructors and a Boston College secondary school teacher who charged the College authorities with "heresy" in allegedly teaching that salvation is possible outside the Catholic Church, and without submission to the Pope.

The teachers appealed to the Pope, but the Vatican referred the matter back to the Boston Archbishop. Last night, Monsignor Cushing disclosed that he had withdrawn all priests and

MURDERER'S APPEAL FAILS

London, April 19.

The Home Secretary has decided that in the case of Harry Lewis, who was sentenced to death on March 9, there are not sufficient grounds to justify him in recommending any interference with the due course of law. Lewis is due to be executed on Thursday.

Aged 21 of no fixed address, he was sentenced to death for the murder of Harry Nicholson, a lightning cartoonist, in a Marylebone flat on Christmas night.—Reuter.

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HARD-HITTING ARTICLES BY A GREAT CRICKETER



BRADMAN SPEAKS OUT

Test Match Strategy

by Don Bradman

Are Test games cricket? Do they differ from other cricket in mental or sporting outlook? Is the "needle" in Anglo-Australian Tests good or bad for the game? These questions have been put to me by many people. Now I can reply.

I have been called a ruthless captain—and other names—but my attitude to Test cricket is no different from that in any other competitive branch of the game, except in so far as it has acknowledged the greater importance of these contests.

A Test is international cricket in its highest form and the importance of the occasion must be recognised. Moreover, as there are five Tests in the battle for the Ashes, I have always based my strategy on the series.

The five results count in the end, not the single game. I play for the "rubber," though there are people who disagree with my point of view.

I also believe the "needle," as they call it, to be a good thing. But the word must not be misunderstood.

It means that there is keenness and enthusiasm for these Tests far exceeding that for international matches with other countries.

Australian regards England as the only country which stands as even-money chance of beating her.

No other country has consistently challenged us. Although South Africa, India, and the West Indies have had great individual stars, their teams are not rated, so far, in the same class.

So when we play the Englishmen, even if their side is temporarily weak, the occasion is regarded as paramount in cricket.

It puts a point to things, and I like it. So does the public in England and in Australia. On the field it was still there in 1948, but there was no ill-feeling. It has been said that in our Tests with England I have pushed things harder from every angle than in other games. I do not agree.

True, as captain or player I have not taken quite the game risks in Tests as in other cricket.

In any case it would be difficult to do so. The standard of the opposition is so much higher.

There have been complaints that keenness and tension have led to slow play. Certainly England batted 10 hours for 358 at Brisbane during D. R. Jardine's 1933 tour, but it was exceptional.

It is a fact that we had a slow day during our opening innings at Nottingham this year, but only because the Englishmen bowled negatively to a defensive field.

There is no time to lose in laying the foundations of the new dominion, which would entail the unification of such services as defence, communications and transport, posts and telegraphs, and research.

At present the development of Central Africa is being held up for lack of adequate transport facilities, and a nearby outlet to the sea.

Neither of the three territories concerned can individually provide a market which would justify the establishment of a reasonable plant for, say, a large-scale steel industry although the iron and coal are available.

It is, of course, essential that the rights of the negro be protected, although it is difficult to sound adequately African opinion. On the other hand, the best guarantee of the safeguarding of the indigenous peoples' rights would seem, to us at any rate, to be consolidation of British administration in the region. If we weaken, there are others more ruthless ready to walk in.

Each country has recognised, I think, that there is some merit in the other's point of view.

One of the arguments against playing to a finish is that you cannot stick to a planned touring schedule. Theoretically, a time-less match could go on for two or three weeks and disrupt any future tour.

We know that the fifth Test between South Africa and England, at Durban in 1938-39, lasted 10

but not when a second ship became involved.

This is an incident with the most serious implications, but what effective action can be taken by the British and

South African governments to

days, and was then called off as a draw because the bant waiting could not be delayed any longer.

On the other hand, the Australian point of view is that it is absurd for a team to cross the world and find the result of the "rubber" hanging on one match which may be decided by the luck of the toss or the weather.

The occasion when England recalled Wilfred Rhodes for the deciding Test at the Oval in 1926? Well, we lost the toss, the match and the Ashes that time after four drawn games of a series in which England only once held a first innings lead.

So now we have this 30-hour compromise, with the fifth game played to a finish if necessary. It looks like being a success. Three of five matches were finished in Australia in 1946-47 and four of five in England in 1948.

How absurd three-day Tests seem now! If the recent matches in England had been limited even to four days, the teams would have gone to the Oval with four unsatisfactory draws behind them, and the last match left to decide the "rubber."

Captaining a team with an eye on the clock does introduce a new factor which is missing in play-to-a-finish games.

Part of a captain's job, of course, under any circumstances, is to note and attack weak spots in the enemy's armour.

There was an outstanding example of this in tackling Walter Hammond. On the offside he was a marvellous batsman, but on the on-side he lacked the same attacking power. So we attacked his leg stump. The idea was to restrict his scoring range, and I think it was successful.

The weakness was exploited, however, by the greatest bowling combination of its kind we ever had—Grimmett and O'Reilly. They were able to concentrate on a given spot with rare accuracy.

I have already referred to Denis Compton's inability to fall to the hook shot. It got him out more than once.

We knew too that Cyril Washbrook might be caught out through his liking for the hook, although he played the shot well. And so it proved.

I thought a fundamental weakness was noticeable among the 1948 England batsmen. They were uncomfortable with the ball that was just short of a length outside the off stump. English batsmen of today, particularly those in the middle register, do not like being forced to play shots off the back foot on the off-side of the wicket.

Captaincy is important in Test cricket, of course, because a poor skipper can ruin a situation. But I think the importance of leadership is being rather over-rated. A captain cannot bring out in a player something that is not already there.

There is luck in it, too. He may make a change in bowling that is correct or shrewd, and see a catch missed. No medals for the captain.

He may put on the wrong man, get a wicket... and much praise. His main function, apart from field-placing and bowling changes, is policy—whether to go for the run and so on. In some games he is vital; in others it makes little difference whether there is a captain or not, the task being almost automatic.

If a captain has a level head up a rapid hundred, though it is achieved good results. The spark of genius that switches the trend of things is comparatively rare.

The skipper under whom I had most experience was W.M. Woodfull. His plan of campaign was to follow sound and accepted principles. He worked on the law of averages, making neither rash nor foolish moves. Perhaps his greatest asset was his popularity with the players. They pulled their full weight for him, and that always counts for a lot.

Percy Chapman had the same popularity with his players, plus a little more enterprise. He

was the gay cavalier of cricket, happiest when "having a go" at the crease and exuberant in the field. As skipper he was willing to take a risk in order to push things along.

I am sorry I did not see D. R. Jardine captain a side under ordinary circumstances, as he seemed to have some very fine qualities. In the much-discussed 1932-33 fast leg-theory tour he was obviously a very shrewd and intelligent skipper, but I had no opportunity of watching his captaincy under more orthodox methods.

Walter Hammond, I thought, did not have the best of luck during his captaincy of England in 1946-47 in Australia. He was quite a good leader, but I would not say outstanding.

Norman Yardley in 1948 was more enterprising than Hammond in field-placing and he seemed to work more to a definite plan. He would try to achieve some purpose, though handicapped probably by the combination, with which he had to work.

I have more than once been asked whether England should choose the best man as captain irrespective of whether he is amateur or professional. I do not feel competent to answer the question directly as it comes within the realm of English cricket politics.

The only time the question arises, I imagine, is when an amateur is selected as captain and it is generally conceded that he is not a sufficiently good player to go into the team.

If he is good enough to play for England criticism is cut short by the fact that he has the professional's with whom to discuss policy.

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Army Manoeuvres In West Germany

Heidelberg, April 19.

Seventy thousand United States troops with 1,200 tanks and armoured vehicles fell back today in the face of an imaginary 100,000-strong aggressor force attacking the American zone of Germany from the East.

In the first phase of the American Occupation Army's full-dress Spring manoeuvres, two German agents, working as mock enemy agents, "blew up" an important railway connection at the Mannheim Ordnance Depot within 75 yards of posted sentries, an Army spokesman disclosed.

The two Germans, dressed as workmen by American Intelligence teams—who plan many surprises for the defending troops—succeeded in placing and exploding dummy bomb charges at the Depot.

Watched by foreign military observers, the American "defenders" will continue their strategic withdrawal until tomorrow night, when they will fan out for a counter-attack.

Planes of the imaginary aggressor force maintained air superiority today and the 100 defensive aircraft were limited to interception and photo reconnaissance missions.

The defenders retreated under the theoretical handicap of roads rendered nearly impassable by frightened civilians, as were the roads of France during the blitzkrieg of 1940. Manoeuvre planners ruled that the withdrawal highways were clogged with Westward-fleeing refugees, slowing the retreat and exposing armoured columns to continued air attack.

"Germ Weapon" As night fell on the Czechoslovakian border, the manoeuvres area, some American columns had retreated as much as 20 miles from the point where they first felt the overpowering blows of

If he is not good enough it may be a different proposition, but that has not happened. In my time

My two trickiest matches from a captain's point of view were both at Leeds. The first, in 1939, was the most important and exciting of all the Tests in which I led Australia.

England opened with 223, but Kenneth Farnes, Bowes and Wright limited our lead to 10. Now it was essential to dismiss the Englishmen for a reasonable score. So we were placed in a dilemma. We could not afford to give away runs, yet we had to attack like mad in order to get them out.

O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith played the first part (England all out 123) and we pulled it off with five wickets in hand. It was important because it was this win that enabled us to retain the Ashes, despite the fact that Len Hutton came along with his 364 in the next Test and we received that drubbing at the Oval.

In cold figures 003 for seven. The second thriller at Leeds came last July, and I vote it one of the best and brightest Test games every played.

On the last day an important decision had to be made: whether to go for the runs or make sure of the Ashes by forcing a draw. The wicket was wearing and at the start of the innings, I doubted our ability to get the runs.

The critical moment came while I was batting just before lunch. Yardley called on Hutton to bowl, and in the short spell we scored so quickly, without risk, that we caught up at once those precious minutes on the clock. The chance to win had arrived.

During lunch I decided it was worth while having a go... and the day was ours.

Headingley will always have happy memories for me. My first international appearance there brought my highest Test score (334).

My last Test there brought victory by a type of batting and fielding which even England, mortified by unexpected defeat, hailed as one of the glorious pages of cricket history.

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It's really little wonder that the Aussies are so choosy about who goes there. After all, the chaps who went there originally were selected by some of the best judges in England.

We don't hear much of CAT these days. Maybe the Reds have put it in the dog-house.

Down in Yunnan they do not seem to be unanimously in favour of Chiang Kai-shek.

A group of young U.S. business men go to Europe "to sell the American way of life." Only trouble is that the cost is likely to be beyond the pockets of the customers.

Myrtle says that appeal is something which, if a girl has it, she doesn't need to have anything else; and if she doesn't have it, it doesn't matter what else she has.

With a telephone it's different from a wife.—The initial cost is what worries you, not the upkeep.

The Urban Council is now erecting by tender huts which the squatters built for \$300 and will now cost \$800. You pay for the official blessing, brother.

Joe Louis is coming to Manila. Offers of a bodyguardship at Chikow are unlikely to tempt him.

It's so comforting to think that with Hong Kong surrounded by pirates, bandits, guerrillas, and Communists, our police have got things so well under control that only the thugs, gangsters, and assorted trinitites possess pistols inside this law-abiding colony.

Chennault is now spraying Canton with DDT from the air. Former tiger now straining at gnats....?

I always thought we should have had a shamrock in the centre of the Union Jack to keep them happy.

In Canton by just paying the usual price you can get a theatre ticket that will last you a lifetime!

Yugoslavs accuse Russia of lying about cereals shipped. Not a grain of truth in the story.

An American prof. thinks Pacific regional groupings can become nuclear centres for joint administration. And later, just nuclear centres, period.

Some cannot brook the present system of administration. Others want to know how they can lose it.

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A Serious Incident
At the time of writing, and until further information can be received, it would be unwise to comment, in the grave and indignant terms which spring to mind, on the shelling of the British sloop Amethyst and the destroyer Consort in the Yangtze yesterday.

So far it seems almost certain that the attack was made by hot-headed Communist troops. These power-wielded fanatics might have been mistaking the first

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EMPIRE CONFERENCE OPENING IN LONDON

Statesmen To Tackle Commonwealth's Future REPUBLIC OF INDIA

London, April 19.

The shape of the future relations of a quarter of the world's population hinges on the historic Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, opening here on Thursday.

The visiting statesmen will be face to face with the problem raised by India's intention to become a democratic Republic.

Their task will be to seek the means of enabling India, with her 350 million inhabitants, to continue its co-operation with the Commonwealth without prejudice to her national aspirations if that is her wish.

WEATHER EXPERTS' PLANS

London, April 19.

Clearing houses in Paris and New York for the collection and distribution of weather data for civil aviation over the North Atlantic are proposed by weather experts who called a conference here today.

The talks were attended by about 30 experts of seven member States of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, Mr. P.D. McTaggart-Cowan, of Canada, was Chairman.

Observers attended from the International Air Transport Association, representing the International Airline Operators, and from the International Meteorological Office.

Under the proposals all weather data from Europe will be collected at New York and transmitted over the same channel to Paris.

Weather data from the North American Continent will be collected at New York and transmitted over the same channel to Paris.

Among the other recommendations to speed up the handling of weather messages across the North Atlantic is a plan to adopt a new set of abbreviations for the messages.

The experts recommend that all changes be put into full effect by October this year. The plans now go to the Council of the ICAO for approval before being sent to the member States.

Reuter.

Stalin Interview Was A Fake

Athens, April 19.

Gregorios Stachopoulos, one of four people on trial in Salonika for the murder of the American correspondent, George Polk, today told the court that the Politburo in Moscow had faked an "interview" with Generalissimo Stalin.

It was to provide a pretext for the recall of the Soviet Ambassador in Greece, he said.

Mr. Polk's body was washed ashore, bound and blindfolded, with a bullet wound in the back of the head, at Salonika last May 10, a week after he had left his hotel to try to contact Greek guerrillas.

The "interview" was published in the spring of 1947 in three Athens newspapers, which quoted the Salonika organ, "Macedonian," as their source.

It had been sent by the Politburo to the Soviet Legation in Athens, Stachopoulos said, and then passed on to the Salonika paper, which was anti-governmental.

Rear-Admiral Rodjekov, Soviet Ambassador in Greece, left Athens for Moscow at the time and did not return, but before leaving he delivered a note to the Greek Government on April 1, 1947, stating: "After so-called interview is a fiction from the beginning to the end."

The accused told the court that he had been a member of the Communist Party, but had been expelled.

He accused Moscow and the Communist Party for the murder of Mr. Polk, Columbia Broad-

LONDON DEMENTI

London, April 19.—The war office today denied allegations by the British Labour Party that the British Government was planning to send 20,000 tons of Jewish-owned goods to the Soviet Union.

There is no foundation in these allegations, the war office said.

This involves the discovery of some formula for a Commonwealth relationship which does not conflict with these aspirations.

The present concept of the Crown as the basis of association is held by some Commonwealth countries to be of key importance. But it is recognised that to many in India—now an independent nation—it evokes memories of nearly 200 years of British rule.

The important underlying factors, which may help the Commonwealth "Big Eight" in their deliberations, is the community of interest and democratic ideals shared by the nations which they represent.

This concept of an association of constitutional democracies, serving the causes of peace, social advancement and economic progress, may weigh heavily with the Premier in their search for a solution.

Hopeful Attitude

The consensus of British newspapers and other comment is that the eight Commonwealth leaders are approaching their task with optimism, tempered by recognition of the importance of the constitutional problem to be solved.

Comment by certain of the leaders on their way to Britain also reflects a hopeful attitude. But all the leaders have avoided any concrete indication of the form which they think a new basis of the Commonwealth association may take. They are clearly determined to avoid prejudice to the forthcoming conversations.

The emergence of free India, Pakistan and Ceylon—apart from quadrupling the Commonwealth's population—inevitably altered its whole geography and moved its centre Eastwards.

India's attitude will be all-important. Her decisions will have powerful repercussions upon

the political thought of the two other new Commonwealth countries—Pakistan and Ceylon.

Compromise Plan

As with India—and, indeed, every other member of the Commonwealth—the question of future national status is a matter also subject to a general agreement on the basis of the association—is the question of any future link with the Commonwealth.

It would be idle, in advance of decisions not yet taken, to speculate on the attitude of Pakistan and Ceylon, or of South Africa, which, from her own viewpoint will watch closely this search for a formula reconciling a Republican status and Commonwealth co-operation.

A compromise plan for keeping India in the Commonwealth will be placed before the meeting on Thursday.

A delegate said that the compromise will probably enable India to stay within the Commonwealth even after India proclaims herself a republic.

The will strengthen the Commonwealth that the suggested Pacific pact against aggression will not be necessary.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will hold private conversations with each of the visiting delegates before they start their formal work.

Mr. Attlee will start by seeing Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan and Stephen Sunandayake of Ceylon and possibly Daniel Malan of South Africa and Foreign Minister Lester Pearson of Canada.

He plans to see Peter Fraser of New Zealand, Joseph B. Chifley of Australia and Jawaharlal Nehru of India on Thursday.

King George As "First Citizen"

Authoritative Indian quarters are of opinion that a solution may be found by which India as a republic can stay in the Commonwealth with a president-general which the King sends to all Commonwealth countries. Under such a formula, the President could act as the King's representative. The King himself would be recognised as the "first citizen" of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth relations officials emphasise that the conference will be a top secret.

They describe the proceedings as "very ticklish" and said it is doubtful whether any information will be made public until the participating statesmen have returned to their countries.

Official sources said the British Government wishes to maintain as close relations with India as she may desire herself.

South African sources believe that the circle of Commonwealth can be widened by the entry of those who enter on the common basis of free association among self-governing communities.

Reuter and United Press.

Ultimatum Given To Burma Reds

Rangoon, April 20.

The Burma Army threw an ultimatum to Communists and their allies in the Mandalay area yesterday: "Come out and fight in the open or be annihilated."

The Army announced this here, saying the rebels inside the temple city were given 48 hours to choose their own battleground. Fighting is reported to be in progress.

Mandalay recently was recaptured from Karen rebels, but it is facing a fresh threat from Communist and a faction of the White Band People's Volunteer Organisation (PVO) seeking a "United Front" Government.

The members of this PVO faction, the Government said, are demanding that administration of the city be turned over to them. The PVO has fought sometimes as the "People's Government" and sometimes as "rebels."

There is no foundation in these allegations, the war office said.

LOOKING FOR A NEW EMPIRE WAY

Oakatoon, April 19.
Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister, said in an interview here today that the Commonwealth had been something entirely new in international politics and he hopes it will be possible again to project some new concept which will embrace India and Ceylon.

Even if these countries become Republics, Mr. St. Laurent said, he hopes "we can find some way to maintain the relations between the Western democracies and the Asiatic nations which the Atlantic nations have."

The Prime Minister, who is making a speech tour of Western Canada, added: "It would be unfortunate if they were to completely break off."—Reuter.

ECHO OF BOXER TROUBLE

London, April 19.

A Royal Marine pensioner, William Gregory, aged 76, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Admiralty 40 years after a China war exploit which earned it.

Mr. Gregory was a corporal in the force of 70 Marines which successfully defended the British Legation at Peking in 1900. Badly wounded in a sortie he was mentioned in despatches and promoted.

In the first World War he was in the Royal Marines and in the last war in the Home Guard. He has two sons in the Navy.

At Royal Marine Headquarters in London it was stated that the delay in making the award was not due to forgetfulness.

An officer said: "There is only a certain quota of Meritorious Service Medals and the quota is normally filled so that an award cannot be made until a vacancy arises from the death of a holder. The award carries with it a small annuity."—Reuter.

Major Plans For Soviet Livestock

Moscow, April 19.

All newspapers today devoted three out of a total of four pages to a decree introducing an elaborate three-year plan intended to solve Russia's livestock problem.

By 1951, collective and state farms are expected to possess roughly 40,000,000 large horned cattle in addition to cattle owned individually. Now individual ownership accounts for 30,000,000 head.

The decree, issued by the Council of Ministers and the Communist Party's Central Committee, points out that though, in spite of war damage, the bread problem is already solved with the output of grain cereals exceeding the pre-war level, animal husbandry is still lagging.

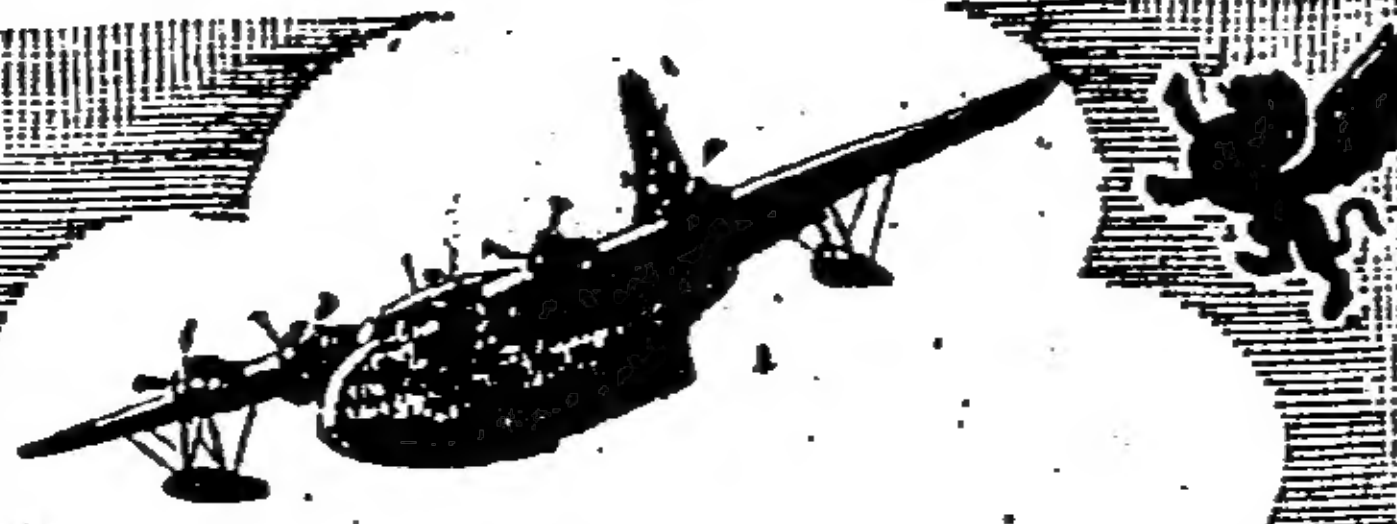
The decree said livestock was inadequate even before the war while during the war the Germans slaughtered and took to Germany 70,000,000 head of horned cattle, horses, pigs and sheep.

The livestock decree provides for the immediate establishment in each collective farm of four sections specialising in large horned cattle, sheep, pigs and fowl.

Within three years the country must produce one and a half times more meat, dairy products and eggs than in 1948. Today livestock production already exceeds the pre-war level.

At the same time, new legislation has been enacted for complete mechanisation of agriculture, dairying, production of fodder and transportation. The new era introduces electro-mechanical milking and electrical sheep-shearing.

The "Izvestia", in an editorial, quotes the Stalin Prize winning agriculturist, Trofim Lysenko, regarding the enormous possibilities of Soviet agriculture. He said all conditions exist here to enable development of the world's best cattle.—United Press.



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Military Mission From India In U.S.

Washington, April 19.

An Indian military mission, headed by the Defence Secretary, Mr. H.M. Patel, is to arrive in Washington on April 28.

For a fortnight the mission will study United States' Army organisation, training and equipment.

American officials say that as far as they know the visit has no significance beyond that of goodwill and a get-acquainted tour.

They have no indication that the Indians are interested in securing American assistance in training or organisation work or more American equipment.

It is recalled that about 18 months ago there were reports that India might seek American aid in setting up and running her own Sandhurst or West Point for training officers. However, at the time it was pointed out that since Indian Army organisation and training are based on the British system, it would probably only add to the confusion if an attempt were made to secure both British and American guidance in this respect.

British Model

It is considered here that India will remain closely in line with the British training system, although using considerable American equipment secured from surplus stocks.

It is pointed out that the extent of Indian liaison with the British military is shown by the fact that the Indian military attaché in London has a large staff while the military attaché here is unaided.

Accompanying Mr. Patel on his visit here will be Lieutenant-General Halwant Singh, Indian Army Chief of Staff, and Air Vice-Marshal S. Mukherji, who heads the Indian Air Force.

The mission is at present in London.—United Press.

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U.S. Farming Through Red Spectacles

Moscow, April 19.

The Soviet writer Laptev in the latest issue of the magazine "Dobrye Vremena," said monopoly capital is driving increasing numbers of American farmers from their lands, forcing them into migratory labour in which their position "is even worse than that of the sharecroppers."

"The monopolies come into possession of agriculture by means of credits, enslaving contracts with farmers, and by robbing them through monopoly prices. Thus, for instance, the monopoly firm, California Lands, Incorporated, controls 600,000 acres of land and owns mortgages on 7,393 farms with land totaling over 1,000,000 acres," Laptev wrote.

"On the one hand there is a colossal army of ruined farmers, half-starved and shabby, and on the other hand a big monopoly organisation and capitalist farms pocketing tremendous profits—such as the two extremes of poverty and wealth, exposing the myth of the stability of the small and middle farmers in the United States," the author concluded.—Reuter.

Smallpox Contacts From Liner

Edinburgh, April 19.

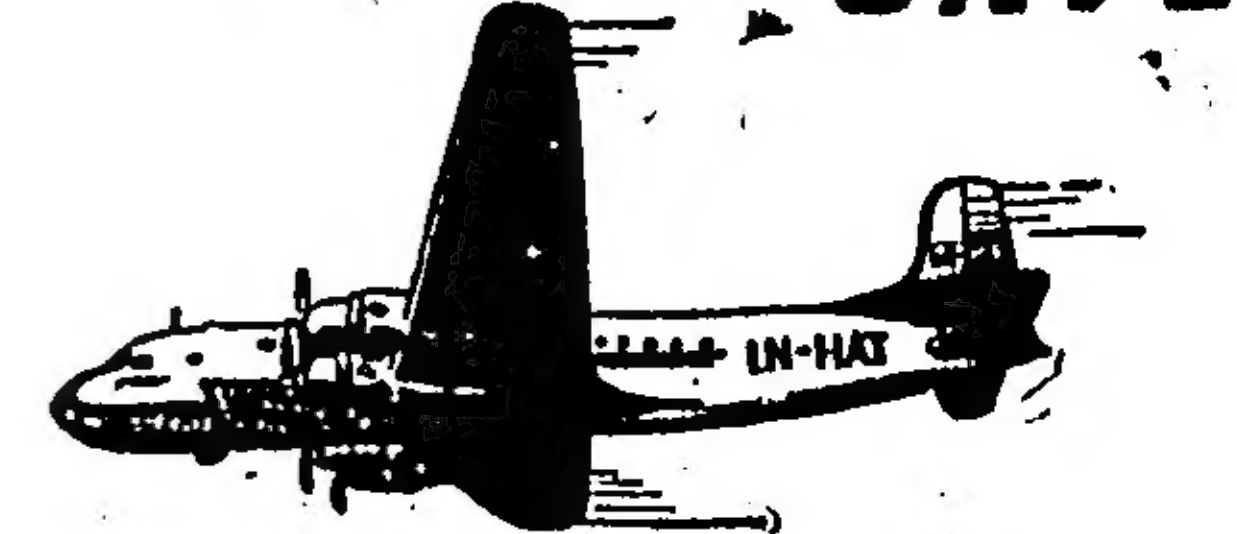
The City Health Committee was told today that 13 smallpox contacts have had to be kept under daily observation in Edinburgh since the recent arrival from Australia of the liner Mooltan. All are now clear.

Four of the Mooltan's passengers have died of smallpox. The city's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. G. Black, does not see why people coming from India have to be vaccinated while there is no such regulation for people coming from Australia via India.

Both Edinburgh and Glasgow Corporations are to demand a tightening up of the vaccination regulations.

Later today it was announced that another Mooltan passenger, a boy aged 11, has been admitted to a Liverpool isolation hospital suffering from smallpox.—Reuter.

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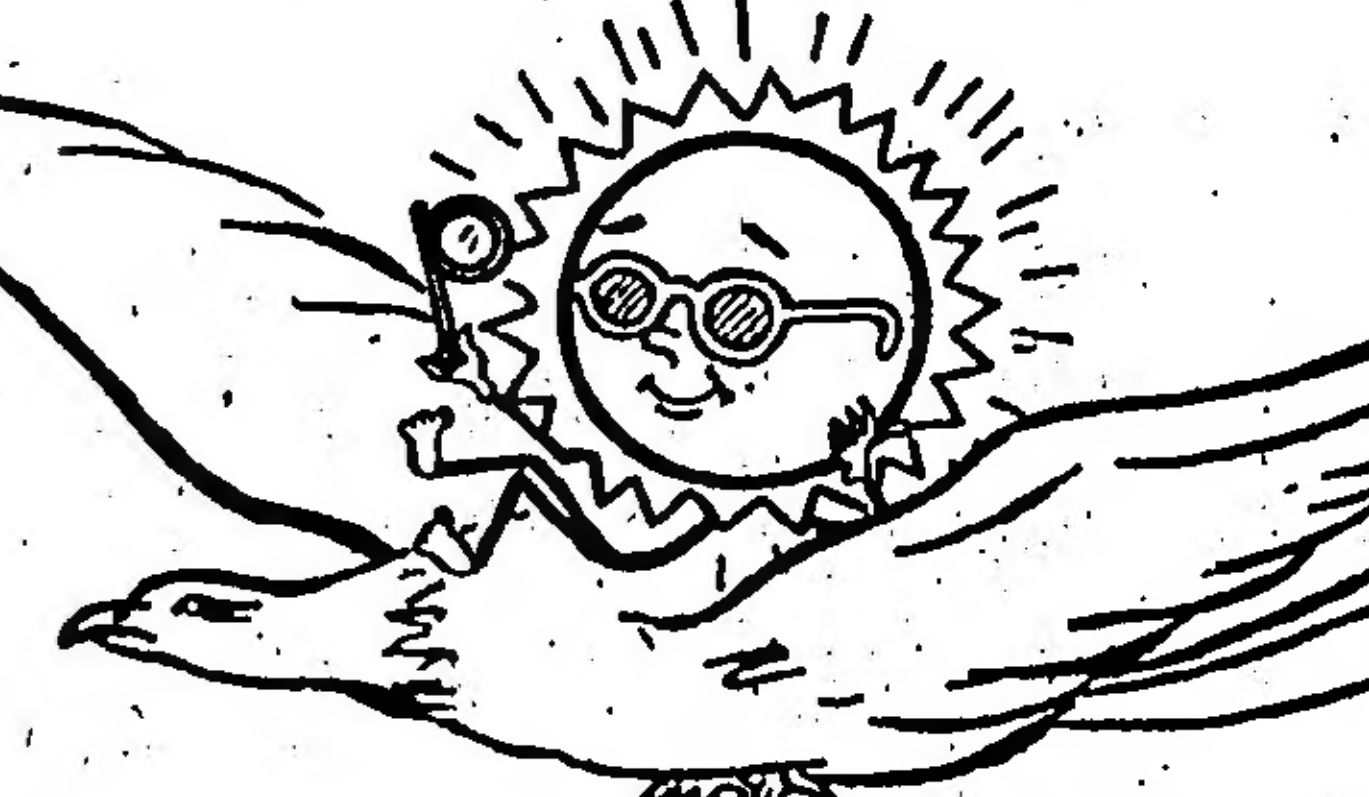
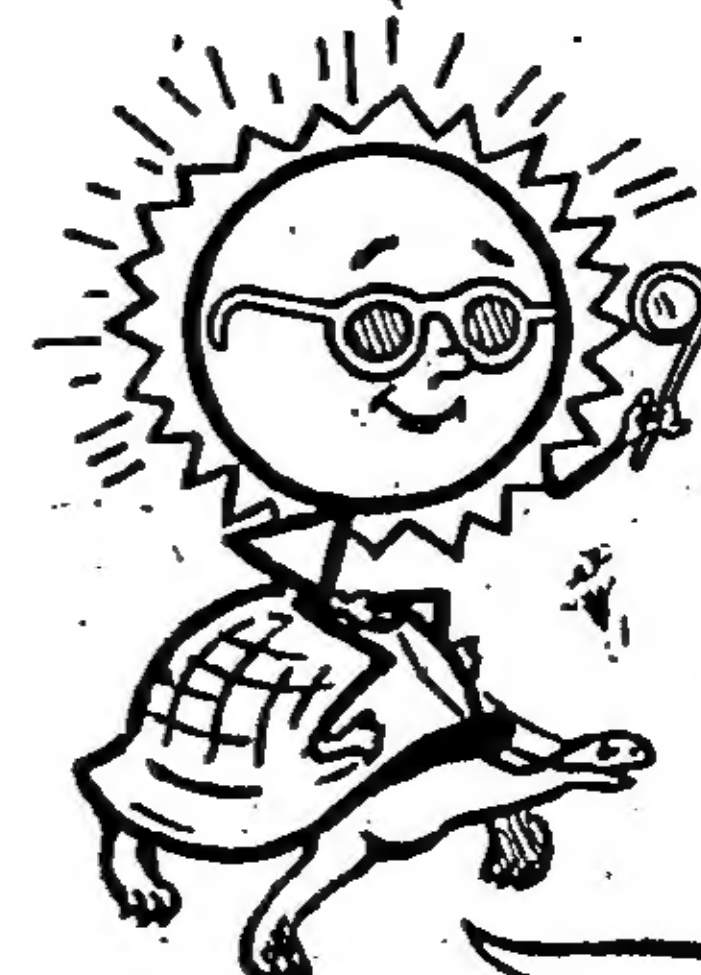
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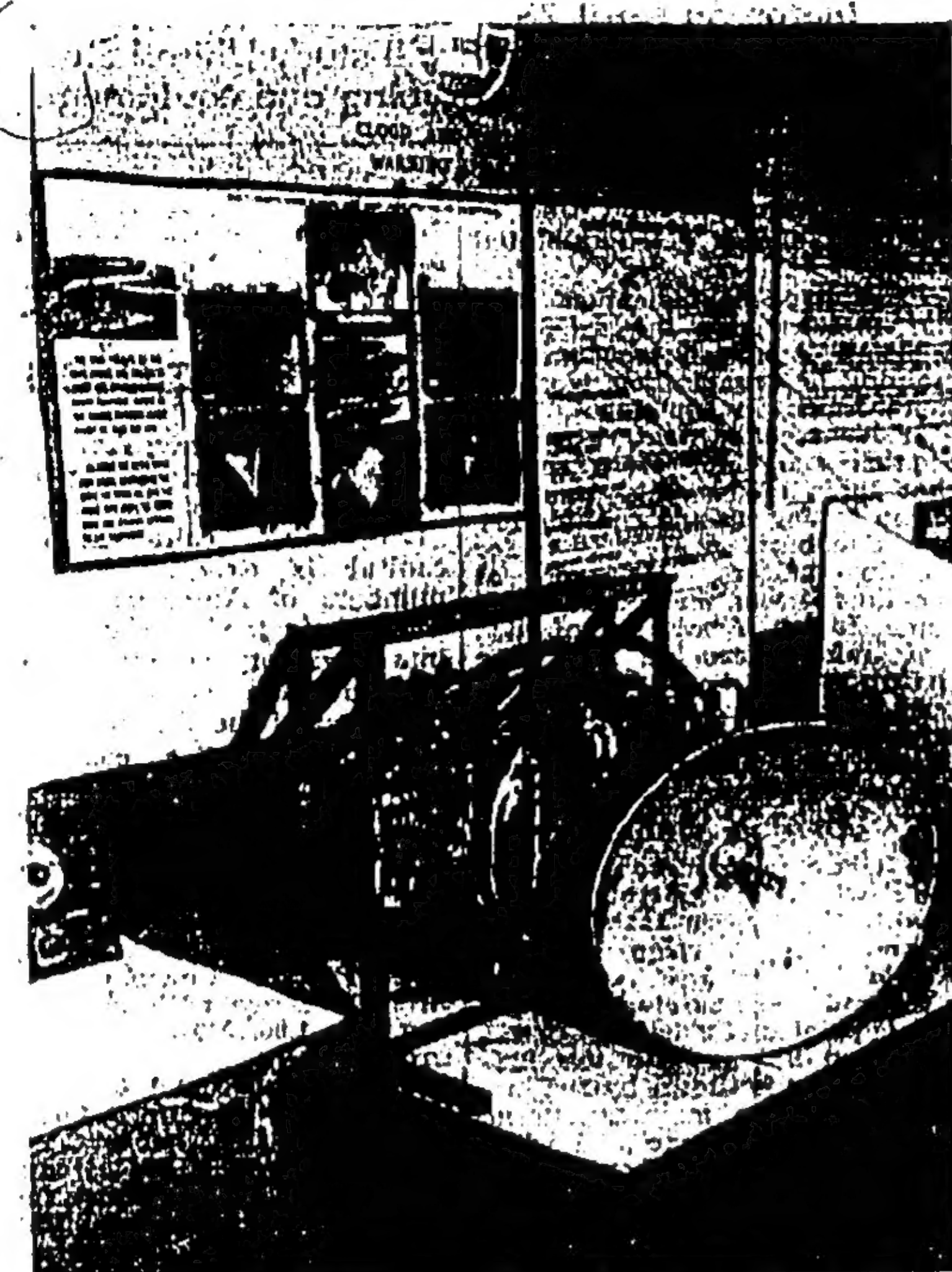
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**ENGINEERING PAGE**

Ekco cloud and collision warning radar equipment, manufactured by E. K. Cole, Limited. It will be on view in the Radio and Electronic Section of the British Industrial Fair.

Keen Interest In Electrical Section

Birmingham, itself the centre of important branches of the electrical manufacturing industry, has from the inception of the British Industries Fair taken a keen interest in the electrical section.

Present indications are that there will be nearly 240 individual exhibitors, and they will occupy 76,362 sq. ft. of floor space—substantially more than in 1948.

The exhibits fall naturally into two main sections—domestic and industrial—although there must necessarily be a certain overlap in the case of items such as wiring and lighting accessories, both of which are usually well represented and include examples of the latest developments and products in distribution and illumination practice. Fluorescent lighting will again be a feature of the 1949 exhibits.

Cookers, water-heaters, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, irons, and other domestic appliances are always strongly represented, and the list of exhibitors who will be showing their products indicates that this branch will maintain its prominence.

Last year, because of the inter-
regnum of the war and the subsequent period of reconversion, manufacturers were for the most part restricted to showing models which were substantially those of 1939. With the passing of another year since the end of the war manufacturers will have had a little more scope for introducing new ideas and improvements, and, the discerning visitor will cer-

tainly find plenty to interest him or her at Castle Bromwich. In particular, the increased attention that is being given to the design and appearance of equipment should be noticeable. Improvements of space heating and of the increasingly popular dual hot water heaters will also be found among the domestic appliances.

A Wide Range

The industrial and commercial exhibits will cover a very wide range, extending from small generating plant, transformers, distribution equipment to storage batteries, and including a great variety of utilization plant, with apparatus for its control. Among the latter new developments in electronic control systems should be of special interest.

The electric heating equipment to be shown will include high-frequency and induction heaters and several types of electric furnaces, including high-frequency types. It has been established that important savings in raw material, production time, and costs, as well as improvement in the quality of articles, have been effected by the use of high-frequency heating; this is a field which manufacturers visiting the Fair should find it worth their while to explore.

Interesting advances are also taking place in the design of electric furnaces and those to be shown at Castle Bromwich may be expected to include some noteworthy developments. One recent introduction for melting and casting metal has a high-frequency coil, melting crucible, and mould enclosed in a vacuum-tight shell of non-magnetic steel, the mould being held in a cradle suspended from the trunnion on which the furnace is tilted for pouring the charge.

Electric welding has become so widely used in modern engineering works that the numerous types of machines, control gear, and electrodes required for the variety of welding processes now used could fill a fair-sized exhibition of their own. New requirements are constantly having to be met, an instance being the use of stored energy machines for off-setting the inconveniently heavy power demands of single-phase machines, when used for such purposes as spot welding of aluminium alloys.

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Fair To Feature Modern Television, Radio Equipment

The Radio and Electronic exhibits at the British Industries Fair will contain the most up-to-date equipment used in television transmitting and receiving, radio communications, aids to navigation, sound reproducing and other branches of these two industries.

The Radio Section will be at Olympia, London, while a television studio, transmitting apparatus, and electronic industrial devices will be found in the Electrical Section at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

Approximately 30 of Britain's well-known manufacturers in these two industries will exhibit their products at both places.

While details of the television exhibits are likely to be kept secret until just before the Fair opens, it is known that there will be working demonstrations of equipment not yet exhibited.

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, Electra House, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2, England, will feature the latest television camera, known as the Image Orthicon Camera. It is mounted on a tripod and fitted with a four lens turret using telescopic or normal lenses, selection being made by a handle at the rear. An electronic viewfinder clips on the top of the camera, and a bright clear display of the scene being viewed is given on a cathode ray tube. An adjustable periscope hood allows the viewfinder to be used at any height of the tripod.

Television transmitting equipment will also be exhibited by the firm of Electrical and Musical Industries Limited, Blythe Road, Hayes, Middlesex, England, suppliers of television equipment to the British Broadcasting Corporation, and Standard Telephones and Cables Limited, Connaught House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, England, whose contribution to television include the making of the coaxial cable which is to extend the London television system to the Midlands and North of England.

Radar Equipment

Along with its domestic radio and television receivers, the firm of E. K. Cole, Limited, Ekco Works, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England, will show its cloud and collision warning radar equipment, and X-band radar system designed primarily for the detection of cumulo nimbus clouds. These clouds are always associated with storm areas, and a warning of them, 40 miles away is invaluable to pilots of aircraft. Clouds, though they are regarded as harmless, and unlikely to cause more than slight discomfort to pilots or passengers.

This equipment can also be used for detecting a route through dangerous clouds at night, or in poor visibility. A high coast-line can be "seen" at a distance of 40 miles and a low sandy beach at 20 miles, providing good "map pointing" facilities for navigation. The range for detection of other aircraft varies from five miles for smaller to ten or 12 miles for larger types.

The equipment consists of six units: scanner, transmitter/receiver, synchronizing unit, indicating unit, control unit and servo unit. The scanner produces a cone of radio frequency energy about six degrees wide, scanning 30 degrees on either side of the line of sight, and above or below the horizontal plane so that the vertical extent of a cloud formation may be ascertained. The scanner is stabilised in both roll and pitch, so that regardless of the altitude of the aircraft, within certain limits the scanner beam is horizontal. The transmitter/receiver unit includes a three

centimetre magnetron producing a peak power of about ten kilowatts.

Long Range Targets

The synchronising unit contains the necessary circuits for the time-base and marker rings which are superimposed on the display to indicate range. Two time-base ranges are provided, one for showing targets up to a range of ten miles and one for ranges up to 40 miles.

The indicating unit comprises the cathode ray tube and associated power supply, and forms the display unit of the equipment. The time-base is arranged to swing about a fixed point near the lower edge of the tube face, which corresponds to the position of the aircraft. The display is regarded as a true scale picture of a section of space at a given elevation directly ahead of the aircraft.

The cathode ray tube screen has an afterglow effect so that although the trace only scans once every second, any echoes are retained by the screen until the next scan occurs, ensuring a continuous picture. The necessary adjustments, normally required to be made during a flight, are included in the control unit. The servo unit maintains the scanner in a stabilised position during aircraft manoeuvres. The use of this equipment is becoming increasingly popular, the giant Bristol Brabazon being one of many types of aircraft to be fitted.

E. K. Cole is also showing light aircraft communications equipment, comprising crystal-controlled aircraft very high frequency transmitter/receiver with selector switch control weighing only 12 pounds, and an aerodrome installation of two transmitters and two high gain receivers. A direction finding installation has been developed for use with this equipment.

Industrial Electronics

The industrial applications of electronics are increasing, some of the latest developments, including devices for measuring, control and selection. One of the leading firms in this field, British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, Crown House, Aldrich, London, W.C.2, England, will show a working model of an electronic speed control for electric motors. It will operate on a half horse-power motor driving a generator, with instruments to show the delicate and accurate control possible by this means. A voltage regulator will also be shown.

Although Mullard Electronic Products Limited, Century House, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2, England, have not yet announced full details of its exhibits, it is known that they will include a photometric tube for the accurate measurement of light quantity; a triode (directly heated type), for use in mobile equipment; a high frequency double triode for use in fixed stations, and a double superhet radio receiver designed for use in overseas countries, with band spread tuning down to the very short waves.

An Accelerometer tube, which will also be shown, the Mullard exhibits, is a device basically similar in construction to an all-glass valve of the local type, and has the advantage that it may be mounted in any position. Coupled with the high output and excellent response of the tube at low and zero frequencies, this feature enables the tube to be used as a low mass pick-up for measuring and recording the acceleration and vibration of high velocity elements, being to the high output, it is possible to observe and record acceleration without using a special high gain amplifier. The tube, therefore, can be used for measuring vibration on aircraft in flight. It will also be valuable in many fields of industrial research.

The Mullard tube, which was recently subjected to exhaustive tests by the Board of Grain Commissioners in Canada, who reported the error in prediction as 40 per cent. The moisture content of grain is determined on a "dew-point" basis, by measuring the change in dew-point when moisture-laden grain is introduced between two

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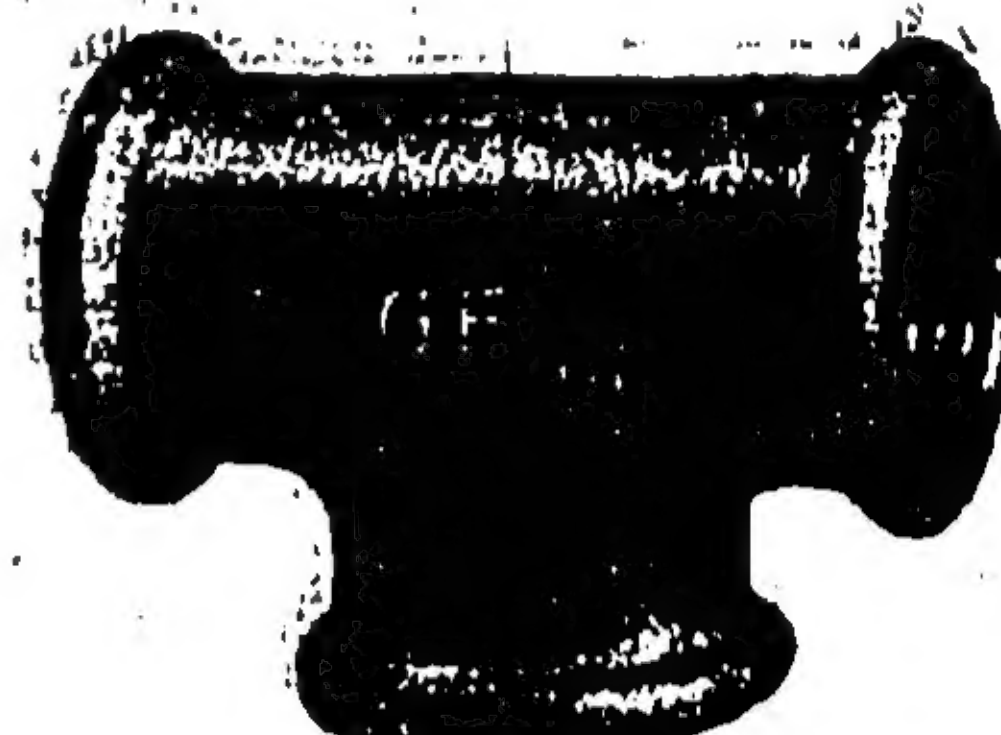
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BRITISH CYRENAICA MANDATE SUPPORTED

Lake Success, April 19.

Syria added its support today to the proposal that Britain should continue to administer the former Italian colony of Cyrenaica and, if necessary, the rest of Libya.

Mr. Henry Cooper told the United Nations Political Committee, which continued its debate on the disposition of the former Italian colonies in Africa, that Tripolitania should also be under British administration until such time as the United Nations can find a better formula for the territory.

SFORZA PUTS IN A WORD

New York, April 19.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, said today that it is idiotic for anyone to believe that Italy has no part in decisions on the former Italian colonies.

He described as hypocritical suggestions that Italians be excluded from the territories merely to be replaced by other trustees.

At the first press conference since his arrival in the United States, Count Sforza said he hopes for complete independence for all colonial territories but added this state will not be reached by cutting the former Italian colonies up.

Count Sforza, who sails on the Queen Mary tomorrow, held out the possibility that he will return to the United States to take up again the question of the colonies.

Meanwhile the Moscow paper "Pravda" says that Britain and the U.S. are planning to use Italy's former colonies as a springboard of attack against the USSR and the People's Democracies.

The article, which was broadcast over Moscow radio and heard in London, said that the Anglo-American bloc also intends to suppress Soviet-Blessed "National Liberation" movements in these countries.

"Prolonged backstage barter" about the division of these territories is now going on as part of the aggressive plans contained in the North Atlantic Pact, the article said. It added Count Sforza has made it clearly understood that Italy will provide military bases in the colonies to Atlantic Pact countries provided she is given trusteeship over them. United Press and Associated Press.

Conference On Peace A "Blind"

Washington, April 20.

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities today has organized the Paris "peace" conference to stir atomic and other scientists outside Russia to disobey their governments.

The Paris meeting, opening on Wednesday, is one of a number of such events inspired by Communists throughout the world as a part of a campaign against the North Atlantic Defence Pact, the Committee says.

In a special report, it accuses the Communists of striving to get American atomic secrets delivered to the Russians.

It calls the Paris gathering a mobilization of scientists for civil disobedience against free nations.

Ideological confusion easily pass over into outright treason, the report declares, adding: "If the Communists could succeed, by playing upon the notorious political naivete of physical scientists, in inciting scientists to 'strike' against their own government, or sabotage, it would be a great achievement for the Soviet fatherland."—Associated Press.

A Moscow Fantasy

London, April 20.

Add another to the growing list of inventions the Russians claim to have introduced to the world.

This time it's the oil well. Moscow radio said last night that a Russian industrialist named Sidorov sank the first oil well in the world in 1853, four years before the first in America. "The Americans prefer not to recall this fact and try to claim for themselves the glory due to the Russian inventor Sidorov," Moscow radio said.

The Soviet weekly magazine "Ogonok" also claimed today that the first helicopter was invented in 1754 by the Russian scientist, M. V. Lomonosov.

Quoting Lieutenant General B. N. Yuriev of the Soviet Aviation Engineering Corps, "Ogonok" said that Russian inventors later perfected the helicopter into an ideal flying machine which will soon be as common as the motor-car. —Associated Press and United Press.

FIRE IN SHIP

Sydney, April 19.

A cargo of timber and fuel oil was saved when a fire, which broke out on the 5,000-ton Swedish motorship Kockabura here last night, was brought under control by the city's fire brigades within 30 minutes of its arrival.

The quarters of the crew were damaged and some belongings of the crew destroyed. Two seamen received burns to arms, hands and faces. The cause of the fire is unknown. —Reuter.

He supported Ethiopian claims for annexation of Eritrea. He also proposed British trusteeship for Italian Somaliland. If Britain does not want this trusteeship it should be given to Ethiopia. British trusteeship over Cyrenaica, continued French administration of Fezzan, support for Ethiopian claims to Eritrea and Italian trusteeship over the remainder of the colonies was urged by El Salvador, Panama and The Netherlands.

Regarding Tripolitania, The Netherlands' delegate, Mr. Van Hurgonje, urged that, because of her economic and political ties with the territory and her experience in administering it, Italy would seem to be the nation best suited to undertake the trusteeship. He also recommended that Italy be given Italian Somaliland.

El Salvador, while supporting Ethiopia's claims to Eritrea, said that a technical commission should decide on the ports of Asaba and Massawa.

Libyan Unity

Egypt demanded that in any solution arrived at by the United Nations Libya's unity must be recognized and proclaimed. Ahmed Pasha Khachaba, Egyptian Foreign Minister, also asked that for strategic reasons the desert plateau of Sollum, a famous British Eritrean Army battle-field in the Western Desert campaign, be made an integral part of Egyptian territory. He said that the Western frontier of Egypt would thus be shifted to the West of Bardia. Khachaba Pasha also asked for the return to Egypt of the Gububi Oasis, ceded to Italy in 1925, as well as other oases.

He made no specific recommendations for the disposal of Libya, but said: "Egypt asks the United Nations to recognize Libya's independence within the framework of the unity of that country."

He said that if it were found appropriate to put Libya under trusteeship, that trusteeship must retain the country's unity. "To subject it to varying regimes would be tantamount to jeopardizing the unity of the country," he said.

Khachaba Pasha said that the Arab states should have a hand in the administration, to see that Libya was guided to independence. He said that Egypt would have no objection to annexation by Ethiopia of the provinces of Eritrea which are a part of the Ethiopian plateau and where the majority of the population is of Coptic origin.

Moslem Areas

Regarding the parts of Eritrea where the Moslem element is predominant, incorporation into the Sudan would be a "felicitous solution," he added.

"If the Committee accepts that solution, Egypt would consider that it would be appropriate to name a commission whose duty it would be to implement any solution of the General Assembly to that end."

Italian Somaliland should be placed under the trusteeship of a state which could guide the territory to independence.

Dealing with the unity of Libya, the Egyptian Foreign Minister said that Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and the Fezzan could not be separated from each other.

"It would be inconceivable that, at a time when efforts are being made to achieve greater co-operation among nations, artificial partition should be visited upon a nation which has always been bound together. Libya has always been united as one country."

Each territory is dependent on the other for supplies.

"Egypt demands the independence of Libya. Egypt holds that the Libyans have amply demonstrated their maturity. They have shown themselves capable of self-government."

"To contemplate the return of Italy to any part of Libya would be to defy the will of the people and would be a violation of all the principles of the United Nations Charter." Any trusteeship over Libya must be as brief as possible.

Khachaba Pasha said that the Gububi Oasis should be restored to Egypt. "It has always belonged to Egypt as shown by numerous documents," he said. "It lies athwart two roads between Cyrenaica and Egypt. These roads in any possible war may serve as invasion routes."

Natural Frontiers

He said the oasis was ceded to Italy in 1925 under "exceptional political circumstances" of which the British delegation will no doubt be fully aware.

The decision was resented by Egyptian public opinion at the time and ever since.

"As regards Sollum," he continued, "this would not be a mere frontier adjustment, it would be the return to Egypt of her natural frontiers." He also asked for the return of other oases and said: "These territorial claims are very small and economically insignificant for Libya. For us, however, these territorial claims would amount to an adjustment of our frontiers, which has been long overdue."

Mr. Kisselov, Byelo-Russia, supported the Soviet proposal for general United Nations trusteeship over the colonies with an advisory body of seven, including the big powers. He repeated the charges that Britain and the United States are attempting to use parts of North Africa for imperialist aggression.

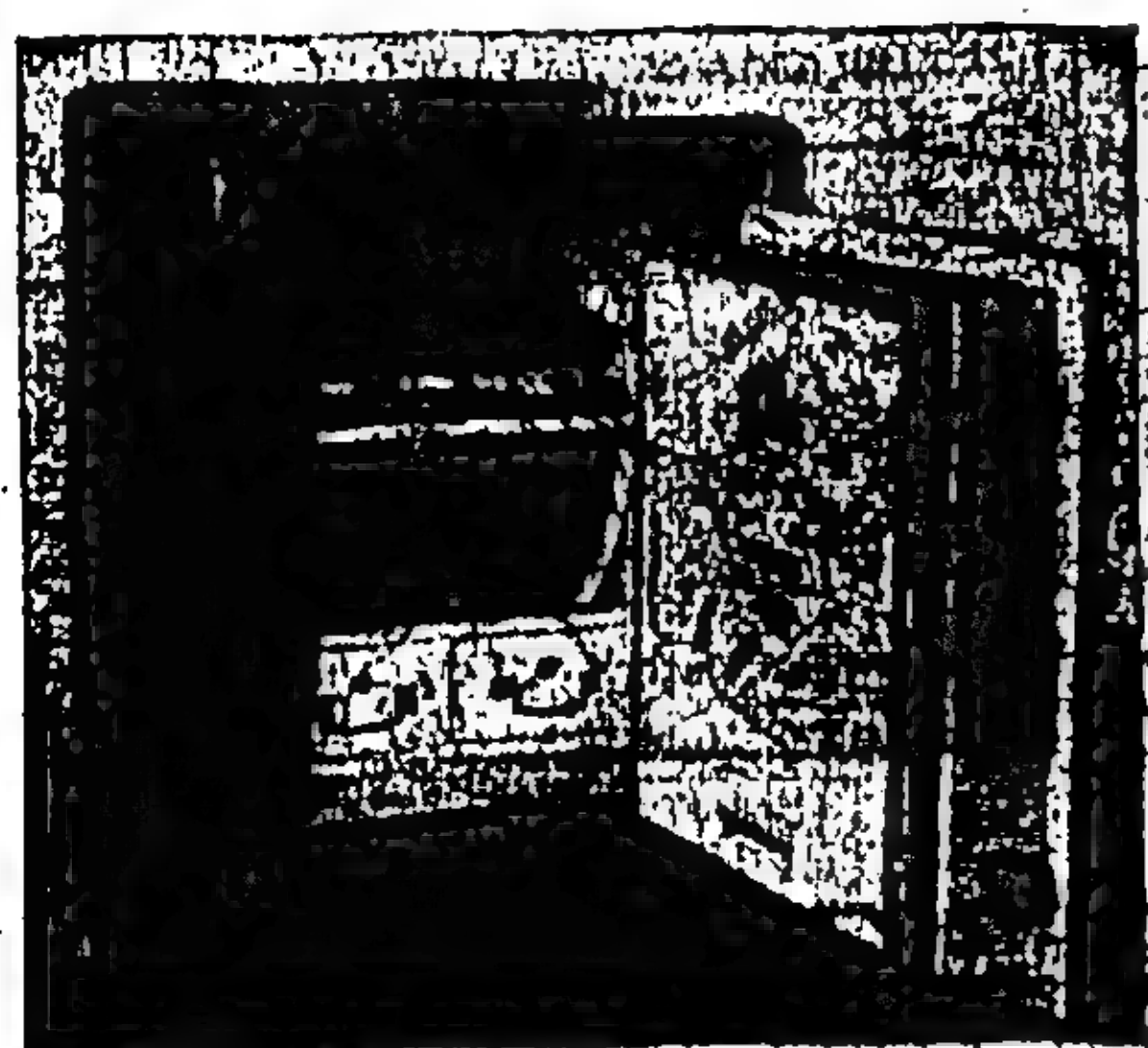
The Committee then adjourned until tomorrow. —Reuter.

WHEAT PACT

Washington, April 20. President Truman sent the International Wheat Agreement to the U.S. Senate yesterday with a request for ratification.

The four-year pact signed in Washington on March 23 provides that Canada, Australia, France, Uruguay and the United States will sell 455,283,389 bushels of wheat a year to 37 nations at a maximum of US\$1.80 a bushel. —Associated Press.

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His Holiness Pope Pius XII celebrated two Solemn Masses in St. Peter's Basilica recently. The first was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, and the second a special Mass "to expiate the crimes of the enemies of God." During his progress to the huge Confessional Altar, the Pope leaned to left and right to give blessing to the vast congregation. (Associated Press Photo).

MIDDLE AGES TORTURE USED ON MINDSZENTY

Lake Success, April 19.

The confession of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, was wrung from him by the use of tortures of the Middle Ages.

This was alleged in the United Nations' minor Political Committee today by Mr. Adolfo Costa Durels, Bolivian representative.

Russia opposed a move to invite representatives of the Vatican and other churches to take part in the United Nations debate on the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty and Protestant pastors in Bulgaria.

The move was made by Bolivia in the Committee which agreed, however, to invite representatives of Hungary and Bulgaria to attend the debate.

The Russian delegate, M. Jacob Malik, opposing the Bolivian motion, declared that it could have been moved only by a delegation which held the United Nations Charter in little respect.

The proposal that Hungary and Bulgaria should be invited to send representatives to the debate was made by the Australian delegate, Mr. Norman Makin, who said he would abstain from voting on the Bolivian move.

Diabolical Parody

He said that an air pump had been used which made the Cardinal feel as though he was being asphyxiated. He was then taken before police officers and given a "third degree" lasting 82 hours under bright lights.

During that period he was not allowed to sit down and when ever he fainted from exhaustion he was revived by doctors, the Bolivian delegate alleged.

He said it seems that every trial conducted in totalitarian countries behind the "Iron Curtain" depends on a confession of the accused. Their courts of justice are "a diabolical parody" and simply political organs.

Concluding, Mr. Durels said it is true that the world is divided into two places today but they are not simply economic and political blocs. They are also two concepts of human conscience, the "divine" and the "satanic." —Reuter.

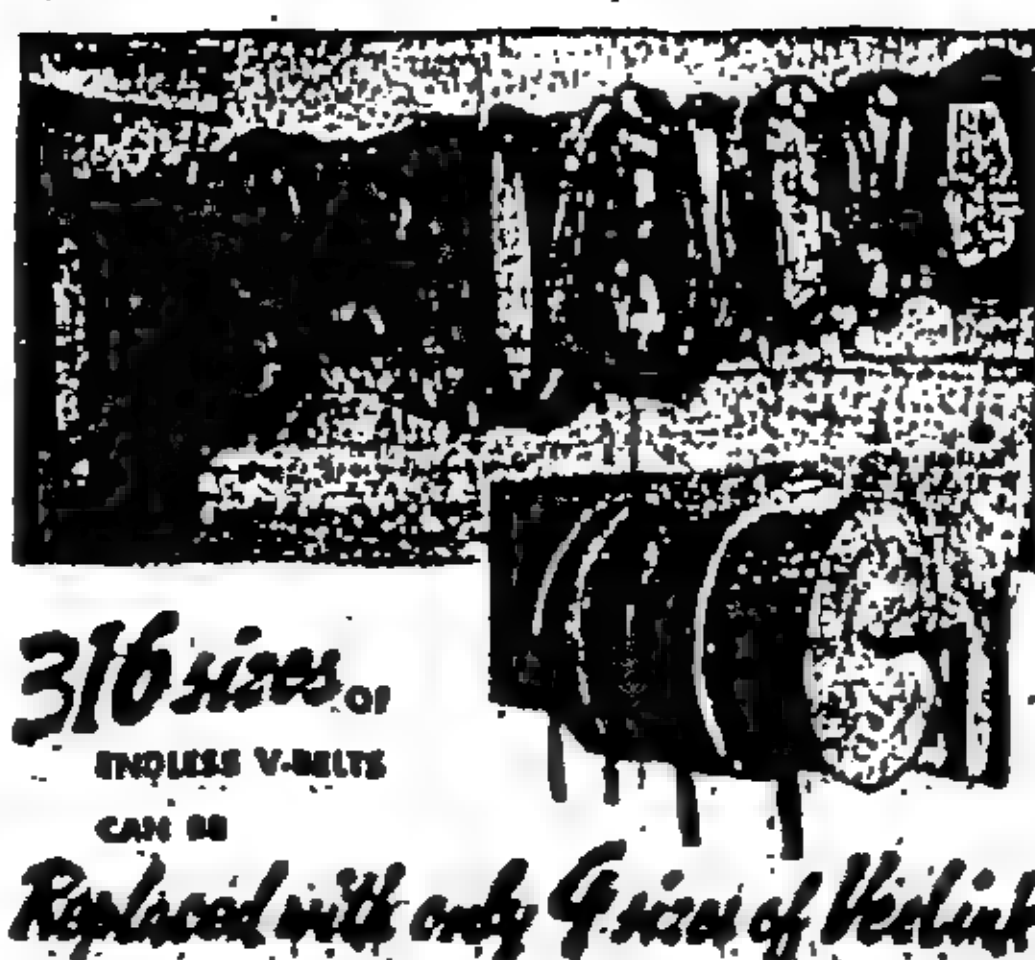
Air Pump Used

The Bolivian delegate proposed that representatives of the Holy See, the State of Israel and "interested Christian churches"

AMERICA THE RED ARSENAL!

Prague, April 19. Chinese Communists en route to the Paris "peace congress" said today that their armies have seized such large quantities of American weapons in China that Red soldiers go around saying "America is our arsenal and Chiang Kai-shek our supply officer."

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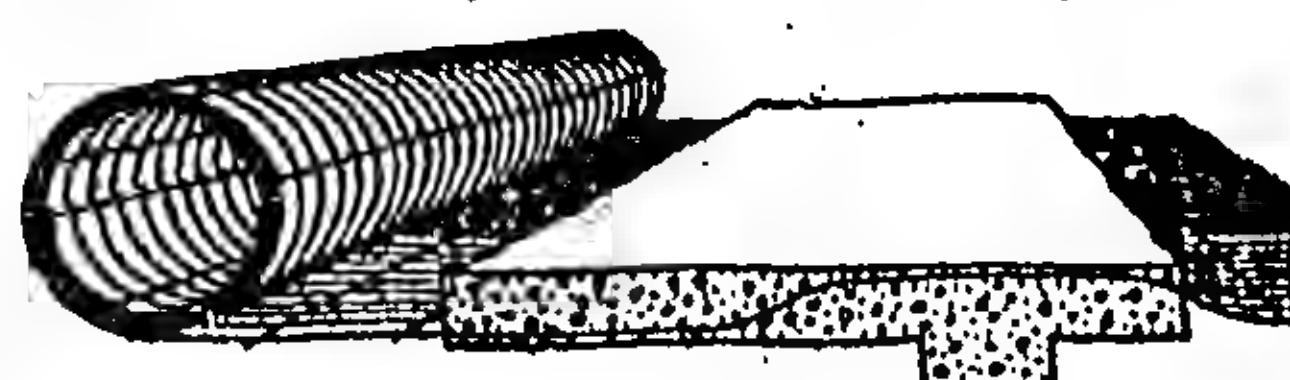
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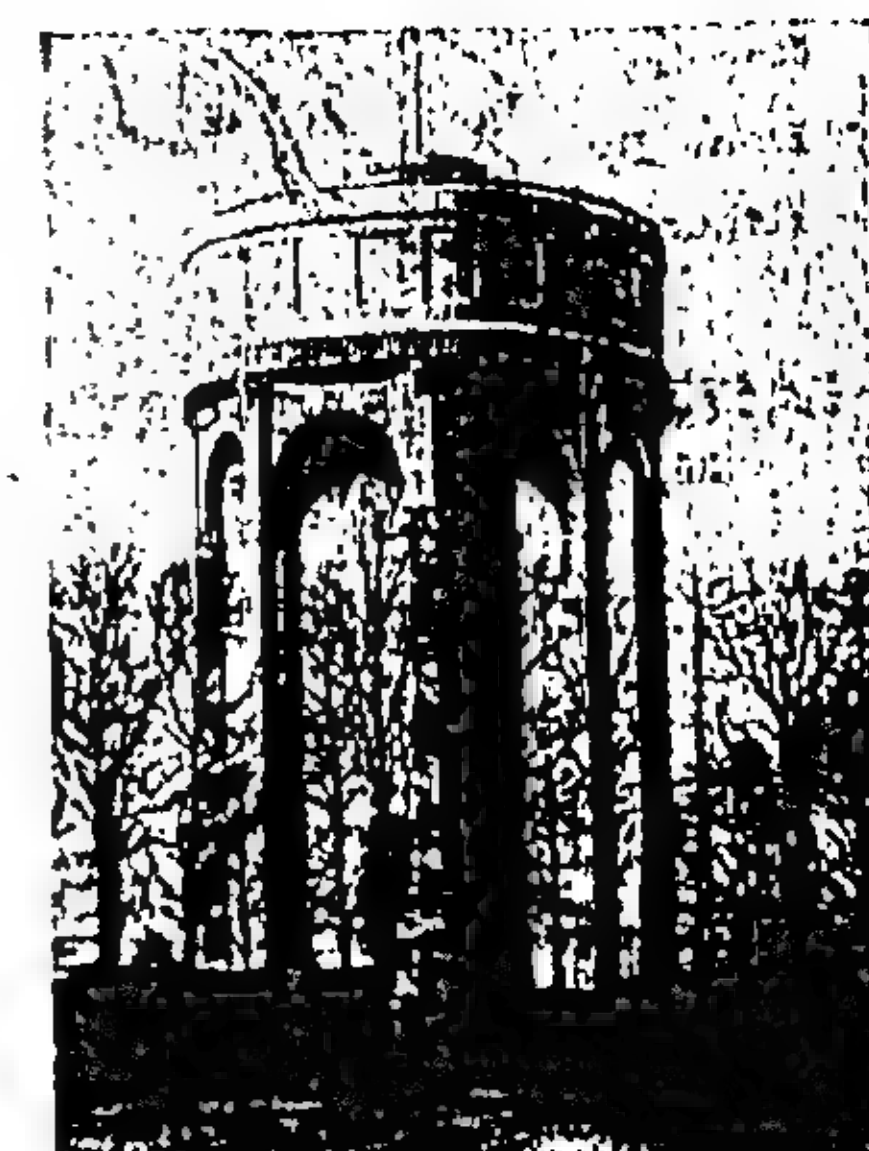
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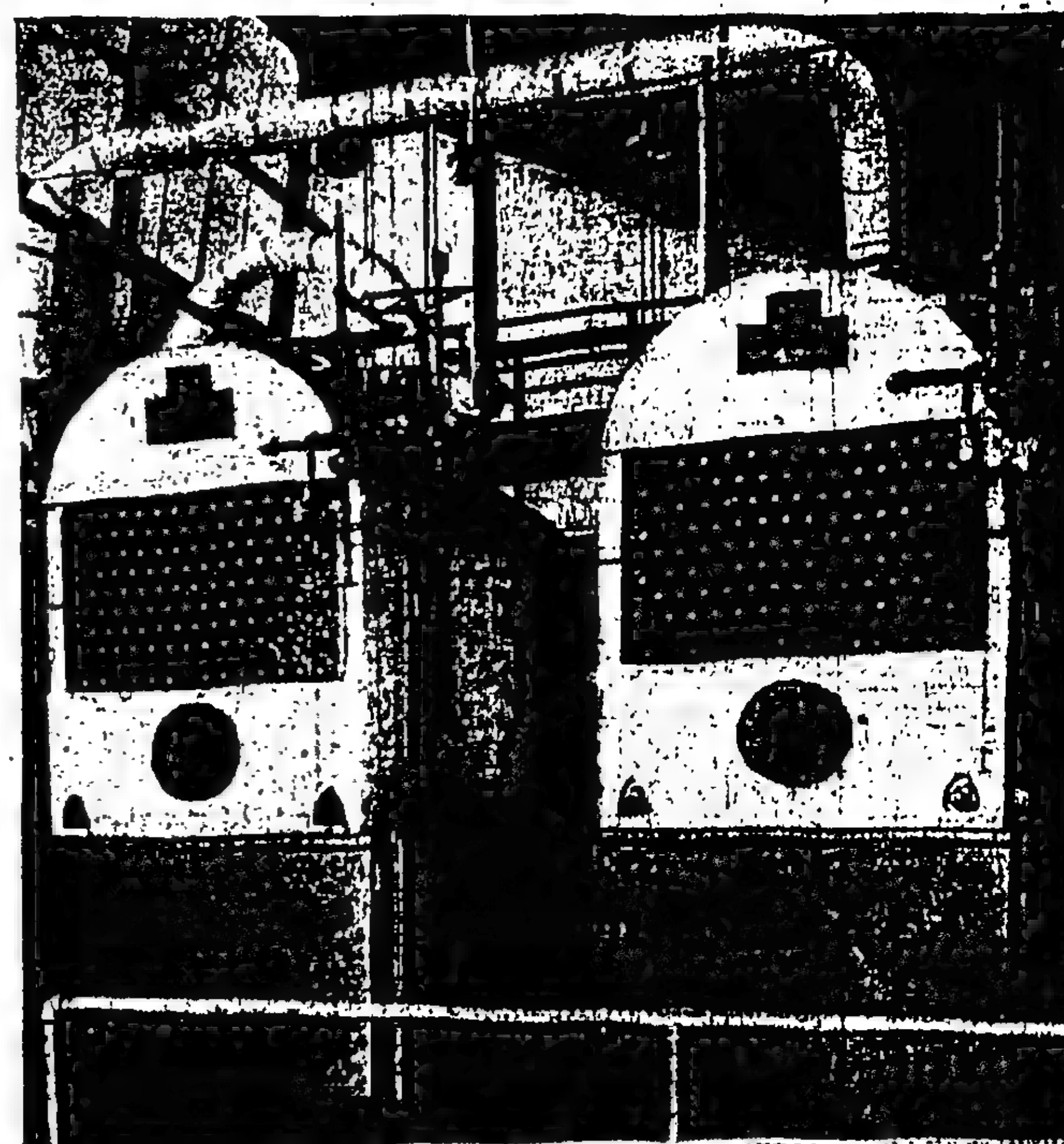
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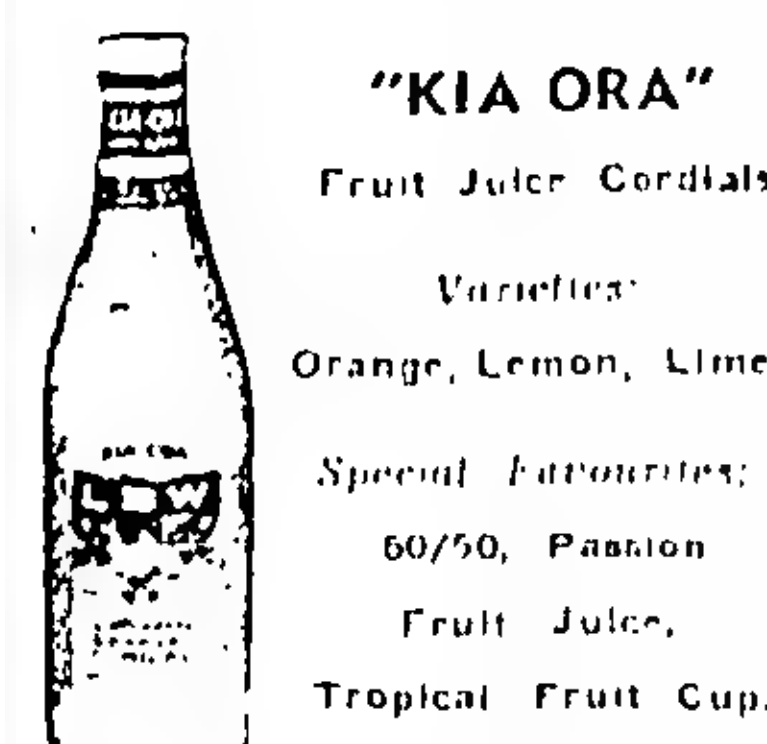


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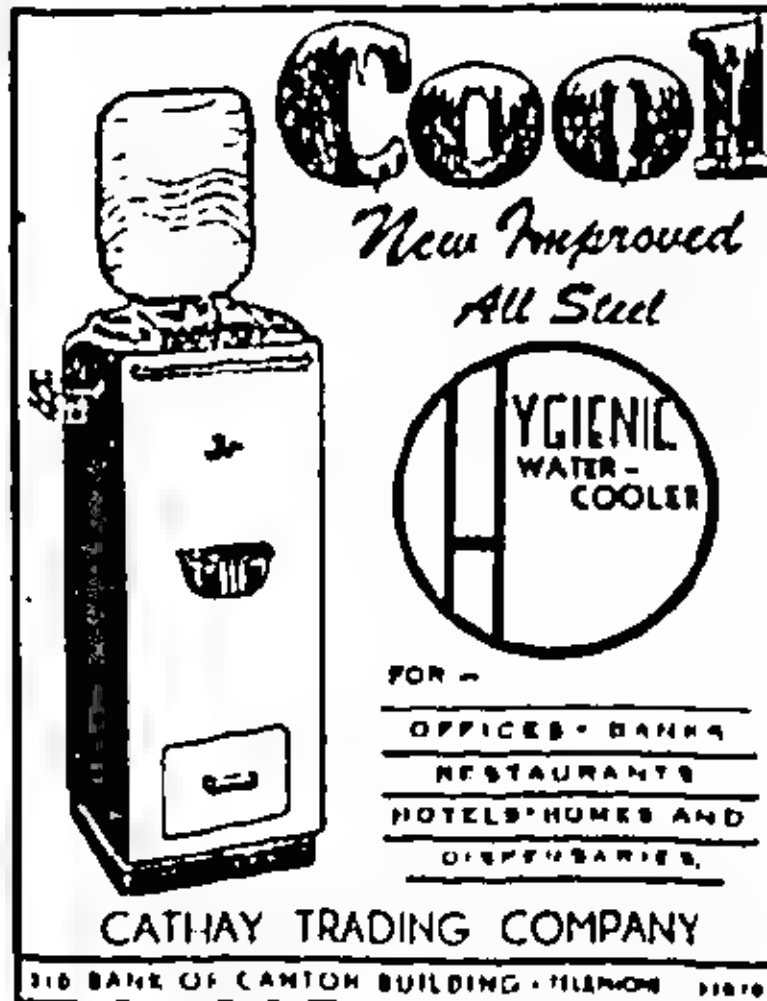
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DEATH OF WORLD ZIONIST LEADER

New York, April 19.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, leader of world Zionism, died here today, aged 75. Dr. Stephen Samuel Wise, founder and former President of the American Zionist Organisation, was born in Budapest on March 17, 1874, and was taken to New York by his parents when a year old.

FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET

London, April 19. The Foreign Ministers of the Western Union powers and Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and France, comprising the future Council of Europe, have been invited to meet in London on May 3.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes that, according to reliable reports, the object of their meeting will be to settle several points left over by a meeting of their countries' Ambassadors in London which, it is understood, drafted a Constitution for the Council of Europe.

These points are:

1. The method of voting in the Ministerial Committee.

2. Whether the members of national Governments may sit in the Assembly.

3. Whether members of the Ministerial Committee may speak in the Assembly.

4. How expenses are to be shared among the Governments.

5. The name of the body.

6. Whether Greece and Turkey, who have applied for admission, be permitted to join.

Reuter.

Horticultural Conference

London, April 19. Delegates from horticultural organisations of 10 Western European countries will attend a conference here tomorrow to discuss the over-production of vegetables and fruits.

The countries represented are Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Norway, Sweden, the Western Zones of Germany and Britain, Italy, Eire, and the Channel Islands will each send an observer.

The conference is being held by the International Federation of Horticultural Producers in order to find a way of eliminating surpluses and improving the distribution of all types of produce. Reuter.



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Protection Of Civilians In Wartime

Vatican City, April 19.

It is expected that the Holy See will send delegates to the International Conference opening at Geneva on Thursday under the auspices of the Red Cross to discuss the protection of civilians in the event of another war.

The Pontifical delegation will probably be led by Monsignor Filippo Bernardini, Apostolic Nuncio in Switzerland.

The Soviet Union has already announced that it will attend the talks.—Reuter.

"Cocoanut King" Shot

Manila, April 20.

W. D. Robinson, aged 68, known as the "cocoanut king of Zamboanga", was killed by a discharged Moro employee on his plantation at Lamitan, Basilan, on Monday, according to reports reaching Manila.

Witnesses said that Benson Masagudin, who was dismissed for theft of cocoanuts and cattle, shot Robinson five times at the Yakan plantation which Robinson helped establish 35 years ago.

Robinson was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, and was formerly a University of Texas football captain. His widow lives in Dallas, Texas.—United Press.

BREACH OF KASHMIR CEASE-FIRE ALLEGED

Karachi, April 19.

Pakistan today accused India of breaches of the Kashmir cease-fire agreement. In a Government statement issued to the press, Pakistan said that it had received no protest from the United Nations Commission about breaches of the cease-fire agreement alleged to have been made by their forces.

It added that it had not wished to mention India's breaches of the agreement as the charges had been referred to the United Nations Commission and are still sub judice, but misleading information in the Indian press and radio had compelled it to issue this statement to the press.

Both sides had agreed that local commanders should meet and settle local breaches of the cease-fire agreement in the presence of United Nations observers, it said.

In many cases incidents on both sides had been amicably settled.

"Some of the more serious incidents, on which local commanders could not agree, have been referred by the United Nations Commission to the military adviser to the United Nations Commission," the note continued.

"Up to date in no single case so referred have Pakistan or Azad (Free) Kashmir forces been told by the military observer to give up any position on the

fronts that it has been wrongfully occupied."

The statement accused Indian troops of raiding Azad territory to remove cattle and arrest local inhabitants.

Indian troops, it alleged, had also occupied a number of new positions since the cease-fire.

The statement said the United Nations had confirmed in writing that they had advanced 3,000 to 4,000 yards nearer the Majra-Kotli road and had prevented Pakistan and Azad forces from using it.

The statement further claimed that Indian troops had built new defensive posts and improved old ones in forward areas.

Pakistan had made a formal complaint to the United Nations Commission regarding the increase in war potential of the Jammu and Kashmir state forces since the cease-fire, the statement added.

"No Foundation"

The complaint had mentioned the raising of new battalions incorporating recently recruited

Russians Move Atom Institute

Berlin, April 19.

The British-licensed newspaper, "Montags Echo," reports that the Soviet atomic research institute formerly situated near Potsdam had been moved to a new location on the East coast of the Black Sea.

The paper said a handful of German atomic experts and about 155 technicians are employed by the institute.

The former include Gustav Soltz, Robert Doepf and Professor Thissen.—United Press.

millionaire in the state forces and the issue of arms to personnel of the Kashmir National Conference.

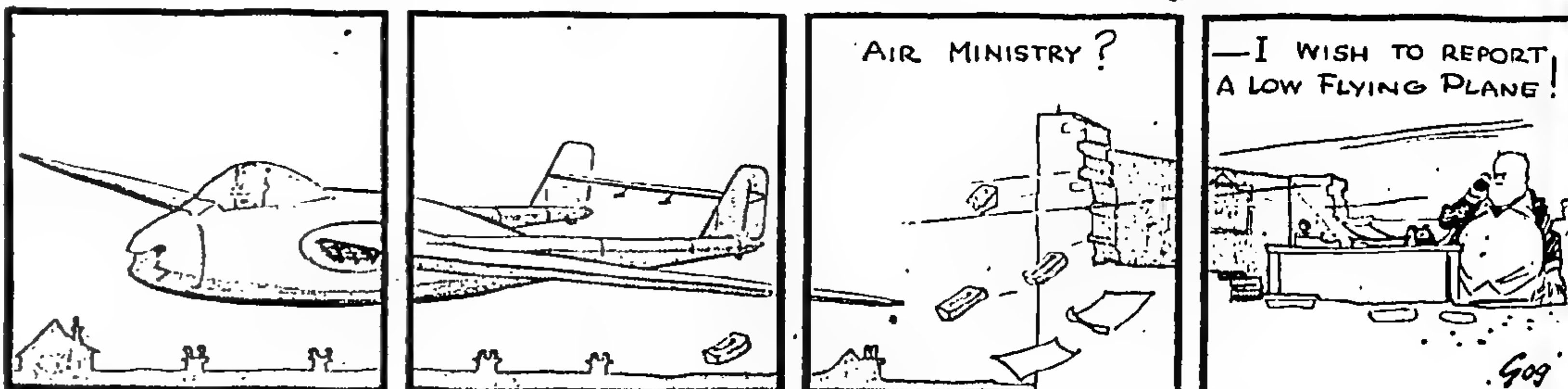
Indian allegations that Pakistan and Azad forces had raided Indian territory for cattle and crops are difficult to verify, the statement added.

These allegations had been made with respect to the Sialkot-Jammu borders, where no Pakistani forces are stationed.

"The second main charge is the occupation of positions not held at the time of the cease-fire in the Burzil Gauris, Tithwal and Uri areas," it continued. "These allegations are without foundation as Pakistani or Azad forces have always held these areas."

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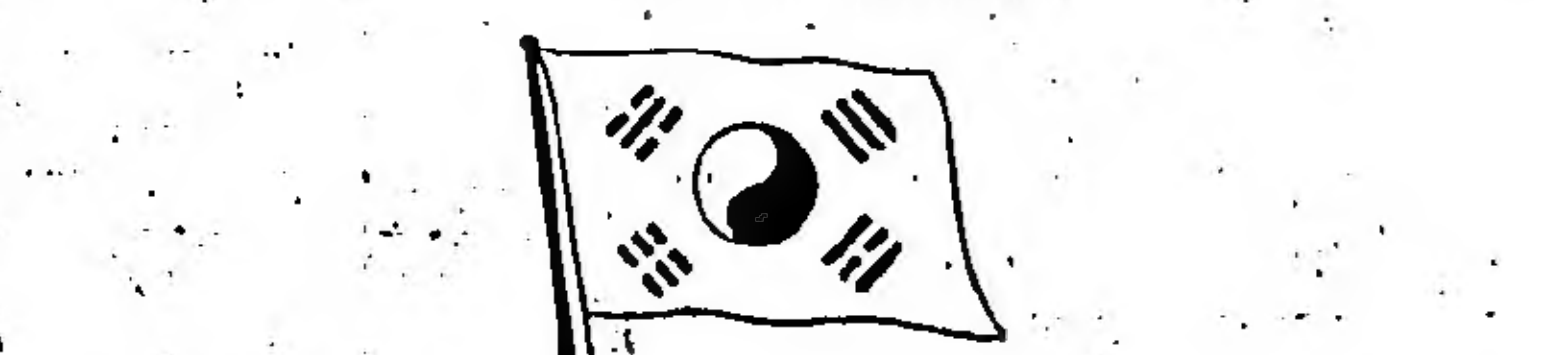
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SENATOR WANTS PI CONSULATES SHUT

New York, April 19.

Philippine Congressman Jose Topacio Nueno is calling Manila tonight urging the closure of the Philippine Consulates in Australia in retaliation for the barring of Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa.

Senator Nueno is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Philippine Congress and at present is serving with the delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Espionage Trial In Serbia

London, April 19.

The trial of two Bulgarians and a Yugoslav woman charged with war crimes and post-war espionage started yesterday in the South Serbian town of Nish, the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, reported.

The woman, Miroslava Janjovic, is accused of assisting two Bulgarians during the Hitler-sponsored Bulgarian occupation of Southern Serbia. The indictment said she also helped the former Premier of the 1941 Yugoslav Government, which signed the tripartite pact with Hitler, to escape to Istanbul.

It added that the men—Alexander Dorev and Angel Popov—instigated and committed mass murder and plunder in Southern Serbian villages.

With the accused woman they are also charged with attempting to set up a foreign intelligence network running through Sofia to Istanbul during and after the war.—Associated Press.

NEW OFFENSIVE ON IN GREECE

London, April 19.

A new Greek guerrilla offensive, this time in the Mount Kaimakchalan region of Western Macedonia, was reported tonight by the "Free Greek Radio," quoting a "Free Greek High Command" communiqué.

The attack is said to have begun two days ago. In the Florina region a few kilometres to the West, the guerrillas are said to have occupied several districts, including Meliti, inflicted 400 casualties on the Government forces and taken away prisoners and much booty.—Reuter.

NEW MINISTER SEES MR. BEVIN

London, April 20.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, conferred yesterday with Britain's Minister-designate to Hungary, Geoffrey Wollinger.

Mr. Wollinger is expected to leave for Budapest in a few days to take up his new assignment. He is succeeding A. R. Helm, who has been appointed Britain's first Minister to Israel.

Mr. Bevin was back at his desk in the Foreign Office for the first time since his return from Washington.—Associated Press.

SHIP COLLISION

Singapore, April 20.

The two freighters, one British and one American, which collided in thick weather on Monday in the Straits of Malacca, limped in to port yesterday for repairs.

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Mr. Nueno expressed "respectful opposition" to President Elpidio Quirino's reported willingness to include Japan in a Pacific pact.

Risk Too Big

He added: "Mr. Quirino and American officials are wrong if they believe Japan has been demoralised so quickly after defeat."

"I am convinced it will take many years—at least one generation, perhaps longer—before the Japanese people can be trusted to centre their lives on democratic principles rather than on the divinity of an emperor."

"Many Filipinos feel we need a certain amount of trade with Japan but would rather do without it than run the risk of letting Japan become an economic or military power again. The Japanese are such hard working people that they will be turning Asia again, economically, if we do not watch out."

"America cannot seem to realise that the restoration of Japanese industry threatens the re-establishment of a warlike nation. Japan cannot simply be wiped off the map—she must be allowed to live, but not as a power for a long time yet."—United Press.

JAPAN FACING DISASTER

Oxford, Ohio, April 20.

An expert on population today warned that Japan faces further disaster if it does not take steps to check its population growth.

Back from Tokyo, where he was one of the United States Agency's visiting experts, Dr. Warren S. Thompson said that Japan must be made to realise that it is unwilling to control its population the United States will be less willing to give help.

The time has come to make the Japanese realise that if they keep on increasing in numbers they will be bound to suffer a disaster besides which the hardships of defeat and occupation will appear in retrospect to have been blessings, he said.

"If they cannot care for their population decently and will not strive to reduce its growth, they might become an easy prey to Communist propaganda or militarism," he concluded.—United Press.

CLIMBER KILLED

Trento, April 20.

Walter Pece, of Bolzano, an Italian climber aged 24, was killed yesterday when he fell 200 metres from a steep rock face in the Torre di Gella group of the Dolomites.

Two girl climbers, roped with him, were saved because the rope snapped on a sharp rock as he plunged to his death. They clung exhausted to the rock for several hours before being rescued.—Reuter.

Australia Laws On Immigration

Sydney, April 20.

Australian Immigration Department officials said in Canberra last night that under Australian law, Asiatics can not enter Australia to take up permanent residence. The officials were commenting on a report that Australia had refused to grant passports to Filipino wives of Australians.

They point out that the law permits Asiatics who are businessmen or students to enter the country for a temporary stay. But, they say, an Asiatic woman married to an Australian has not the right of entry.—Associated Press.

Incentive To Czech Workers

Prague, April 20.

High rewards are promised to Czechoslovak workers who can improve work projects.

The Ministry of Social Welfare announced three categories of awards for high-sounding improvements that are not completely new ideas which would qualify as inventions.

There are three groups: technical improvements, rationalisation projects, and administrative projects.

Where a certain "rationalisation" is attained without other results, the basic reward is the money saved by it during one year, plus a reward—according to table—of 200 to 200,000 Crowns for Group 1, and half that for Group 2.

Where there is no "rationalisation" but an "ideal" improvement is attained, the reward is 100 to 100,000 Crowns. If it has extraordinary and national importance, there is one catch when the reward runs higher than 200,000 Crowns. The Ministry of Social Welfare has to ratify the payment. It has authority to lower basic sums.—Associated Press.

Captain Stuck With Stowaway

New York, April 19.

The captain of the liner Khedive Ismail complained in a radio message today that he has ten Bulgarian political stowaways aboard his vessel and closed quit with no sales.

The captain, Roland Woolfenden, said in a message received here that the stowaways boarded his vessel at Istanbul, Turkey. He attempted to put them ashore at Alexandria, Egypt, Genoa and Marseilles, but the authorities of each port refused to allow them to land.

The vessel is due at Hoboken on Friday.—United Press.

TEN-YEAR-PLAN FOR JAMAICA

Kingston, April 19.

Sir John Huggins, Governor of Jamaica, in a statement here on Jamaica's 10-year plan, said it is far from extravagant either in its general principles or detailed items.

At the same time, the proposed expenditure, estimated at £21,731,000, both in capital costs and recurrent charges, will tax the resources of Jamaica to the full.—Reuter.

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S.S. "CANTON"	30th June	19th July
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S.S. "CORFU"	28th July	17th August

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
S.S. "CANTON"	18th May	8th June
S.S. "CORFU"	2nd June	11th June
S.S. "CANTON"	16th June	5th July
S.S. "CANTON"	30th June	19th July
S.S. "CORFU"	14th July	3rd August
S.S. "CORFU"	28th July	17th August

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S.S. "BANGOLA" (Aper Line)	due 21st May	from Japan & Amoy.
S.S. "BANGOLA" (Aper Line)	due 28th May	from Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits.
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M.V. HALLAND	Discharging	23rd Apr.
M.V. TAMARA	"	18th May
M.V. OLUF MAERSK	"	27th May

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. HALLAND	Loading	12th May
M.V. TAMARA	"	Early June

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"TJIBADAK" from Macassar to Java Ports 12th May.	to Java Ports & Macassar 12th May.

HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TASMAN" from Manila to Hong Kong & Amoy 28th April.	to Hong Kong & Amoy 28th April.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" In port	to B. Deli & Straits 27th April.

Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN HEUTS" from B. Deli & Straits 29th April.	to B. Deli & Straits 29th April.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"MOISSEVAIR" from Japan 20th April.	to East & South Africa & South America, 3rd May.

Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT SOENDA" from Japan 21st May.	to East & South Africa & South America, 24th May.

Arrivals	Sailings
"TEGELBERG" from South America 7th June.	to East & South Africa & South America, 10th June.

Arrivals	Sailings
"TJIKAMPER" from S. America 10th June.	to East & South Africa & South America, 13th June.

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Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"MARIEKER" from Japan & Shanghai 4th May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 10th May.

Arrivals	Sailings
"MOLENER" from Europe 10th May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 10th May.

Arrivals	Sailings
"MEERKER" from Europe early June.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 10th June.

Arrivals	Sailings
"RIJNKER" from Europe early July.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 10th July.

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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO

m.v. "DENARES" from Japan 4th May	
m.v. "DONA AURORA" from Japan 4th May	
m.v. "DONA NATI" from Japan 28th May	

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "DENARES" (calls Shanghai & Japan) 6th May	
m.v. "DONA AURORA" (calls Shanghai & Japan) 4th June	
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT ECONOMIC MEETINGS

London, April 19.

Plans to break down currency trade and travel barriers between the countries of Europe will be discussed by nearly 300 delegates at a European Movement Conference, opening here tomorrow.

The highlight of tomorrow's plenary session will be a speech by Britain's wartime leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, one of the Movement's four Presidents of Honour.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Tuesday night's slackening off was carried forward to the short session and rates further eased. The Directors of the Indo-China Bank have declared a dividend of 8% on the preferred shares and 10% and bonus of 10% on the deferred shares, all subject to the appropriate tax.

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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, April 20.

Investors and speculators showed interest in stocks only at slight price reductions yesterday. Declines ranged from fractions to around a point. Traders accounted for most of the business.

Transfers totalled 830,000 shares. Among stumblers were American Can, Liggett and Myers Tobacco, Farmover Television, American Radiator, American Airlines, Ohio Oil, United Aircraft, Pacific Western Oil, Texas Company.

Don Jones averages: Stocks 63.81, 20 Industrials 70.79, 15 Rails 48.17, 10 Utilities 36.15.

Closing quotations:
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Aluminum 15 1/2
American Can 15 1/2

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"President Johnson" May 10
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Tea Seed Oil From Far East

London, April 20.

The Board of Trade announced yesterday that tea seed oil from China and Hong Kong may be imported without individual consignment licences.

The order is effective as from today. — Associated Press.

Money Market

With the Gold and Silver Exchange still closed, unofficial prices for foreign currencies were based more or less on last week's figures.

US dollars were the only item showing some activity. The price was easier and was down to HK\$5.46 after opening at \$5.56.

Sterling was HK\$15.80 and Australian pounds HK\$13.20. Pounds were unchanged at HK\$32.30 a 100.

Plasmas fluctuated between HK\$9.50 and \$9.70 a 100.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 20.

The stock market closed firm yesterday, as the present trading account ended. Hopes for an early lifting of the Berlin blockade sparked buying of gilt-edged and first class industrial shares, which made fair gains.

Selected Kaffirs were also in demand. Oils were weak. Financial Times' Index: 114.5

Associated Press

NY RUBBER

New York, April 20.

Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet with no sales. Crude rubber, No. 1 futures closed 1/4 higher with sales of six contracts.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 12 1/2 nominal—Associated Press.

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"President Johnson" (Direct to Pacific Coast) June 16

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"President Van Buren" May 4
"President Johnson" May 18
"Marine" May 28

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ARRIVALS FROM	ab. May 2
MORTAIN	Europe
LA DE LATOUR	Europe
STE. MERE EGLISE	Europe
SAILING TO	April 25
CHAMPOLLION	Marseilles via Saigon
MORTAIN	Japan
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 Shanghai

TODAY

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 ANHUI (H & S) ex-Amy, 21/22
 ANHUI (H & S) ex-Amy, 21/22

TOMORROW

CHANGTE (H & S) ex-Australia,
 KUMCHON (H & S) ex-Australia,

Shipping Departures

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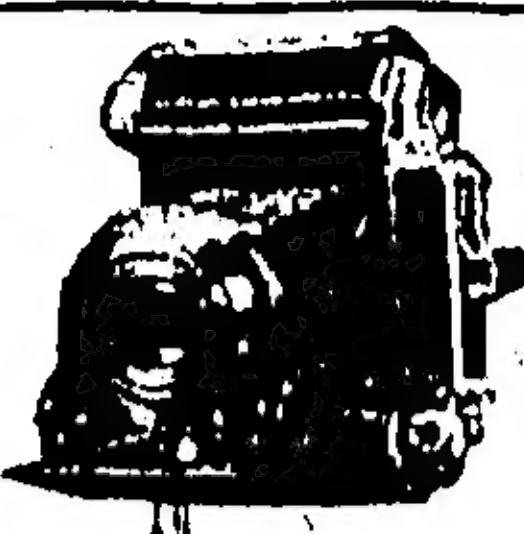
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THREE TEAMS BATTLING FOR HONOURS IN DIV. II

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DECISION DUE TODAY ON TELEPHONE RATES

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If the regulations were not made, Mr. Lonsdale, he would not have asked the rate of this rate. He said his instructions were to ask for an adjustment, not to apply to the Court for a decision, but for a full investigation of the matter. The Company's accounts, Mr. Potter said, the preliminary point of law should be decided first. He did not care how long the investigation would take, in what charges the Government would make. The Company would never have applied for an adjustment if they knew the charges they proposed to make were unlawful.

It was who we called the attention of Government to certain facts and facts. Checking the accounts is a secondary branch of the case, argued Mr. Potter.

No Adjournment

The arbitrators ruled that there should be no adjournment, and that they should proceed to hear evidence on the preliminary point. Mr. Lonsdale then proceeded to review the Telephone Ordinance 1924 in detail, and said its dominant note was control by Government. He instanced the various restrictions placed on the Company, and said the measure of control in the case was far more rigid than control exercised over other public utility companies.

He next dealt with the amendment of 1930 which introduced three main aspects. First it enabled the Government and the Company to deal with rate telephone, secondly, it enabled the Government to operate in the Colony within the Company's franchise, and thirdly provision was made for charges other than rates of subscription to be laid down.

The setting out of these various charges, in not result, was that the Company was not to make any charges except with the approval of the Governor in Council.

My contention is therefore that all charges made by the Company to subscribers must be approved by the Governor in Council. It is a further measure of control which Government exercises," said Mr. Lonsdale.

In the 1930 amending ordinance there is no section relaxing this control, contended Mr. Lonsdale. He then went on to deal with section 40, and argued that charges for subscription in the second paragraph were related to the other charges set out in paragraph three, for the purpose of maintaining an efficient and continuous service, and must be construed to include those other charges.

Therefore the total income of the Company, including income from other charges, should be taken into account when computing the profit that would pay a dividend of not less than eight per cent to shareholders.

Disagrees

Mr. Potter, in reply, said he entirely disagreed with Mr. Lonsdale on his interpretation of section 40. Existing charges, he said, covered everything. Subscription rates were just for installation of a telephone and its subsequent maintenance in an efficient manner.

No other charges, such as that of removal, could come under that category. It was a stable recurrent charge from which the fund was made up for payment of an annual dividend of eight per cent to shareholders. If the income from this regular stable source was insufficient, then the Company could make an increase in the subscription rates to make up the deficiency.

The other charges, such as removals, charges for trunk calls, etc. came under existing charges. They were of a fluctuating nature, and by no stretch of imagination could they be included under the term "subscription".

Mr. Potter said that the amending ordinance removed all restrictions on profits which the Company could make, which was imposed by the original 1925 ordinance. Under the amendment any profit above 12 per cent on gross takings and trunk calls were to be shared equally with the Government, so that the more profit the Company made, the larger also would be the Government's share.

"Mr. Lonsdale had earlier in his reference painted the picture of the Government as a public watchdog, and the inference one would draw was that the Telephone Company was a sort of wild wolf," said Mr. Potter, who pointed out that by virtue of the amendment in the ordinance the Government was to be given 500

The Easter holiday matches did not settle all the ups and downs of the league problems; in fact in some cases the situation has become more obscure.

There is quite a struggle going on in the Second Division between Southampton, Fulham and West Brom—all three have excellent chances of promotion.

Portsmouth, in Division I, however, look all set to win the coveted league honours of this season, though they suffered a bad reverse at the hands of Birmingham on Easter Monday, losing 3-0. This week they are away to Bolton and should clinch matters by taking full points.

Dumfries have only dropped two points at Bolton since the 1935-36 season. Newcastle their nearest rivals claimed only three points from their holiday games and are this week up against a pretty stiff proposition in Liverpool. I am inclined to favour the Home team in this match.

Middlesbrough, who did a splendid job in defeating Newcastle on Monday, oppose Blackpool on the latter's ground on Saturday and they look good for at least a draw. I should say. They will certainly be striving to evade the relegation bogey which at the moment looks seriously near to them.

Huddersfield who went down badly to Liverpool last Monday, losing 4-1, will surely be expected to beat Everton at home. Manchester United, who took full points from their Easter games entertain Preston this week and should on form take both points.

It is for the Second Division to provide the match of the day—here we have two teams Southampton and West Brom, both battling for promotion; taking the stage at the Dell.

What a match this should prove to be on the result may well hang the decision as to whether West Brom will ascend to higher company or not next season. They have taken full points from Southampton in their last two games at the Dell, but I think on this occasion Southampton will lay the bogey and take the spoils.

Fulham Picked

Fulham, the other team in this Division, vitally interested in the promotion race, and who, incidentally took full points at Easter, entertain their neighbours, Brentford, at Craven Cottage and should take the honours in this match fairly easily.

At the other end of the table, Lincoln City, who now seem doomed to return to the Third Division after only a season in the higher sphere, are this week away to Luton and cannot expect to profit much from this visit.

Notts Forest put up a tremendous show over the holiday period in an effort to stave off relegation, taking four points out of a possible six. I'm afraid they will find

Browns Upset Indians; Braves Scalp Phillies

New York, April 20.

The St. Louis Browns clouted pitcher Bob Feller off the mound yesterday to upset the world champion Cleveland Indians 5-1 in the American League.

In other American League games, Tommy Heinrich knocked out a ninth inning home run to give the New York Yankees a 3-2 victory over the Washington Senators before 40,075 opening day fans in New York. The Philadelphia Athletics whipped the Boston Red Sox 3-2 in Philadelphia behind the tight pitching of Lou Brissie, the left-hander with the war-shattered leg.

Outfielder Johnny Groth blasted two homers to give the Detroit Tigers a 5-1 victory over Chicago before a record opening day crowd of 53,435 fans in Detroit. The Boston Braves, in the National League, took both games of a doubleheader with Philadelphia, 4-3 and 11-2.

lines free, with a 25 per cent discount on rates for line over and above that figure.

Mr. Potter said the whole issue was crystal clear: there was no ambiguity whatever. He referred to section 35 of the ordinance which clearly defined what subscriptions were. It was impossible to bring in the other charges as any part or parcel of subscriptions.

"My contention therefore is that rates means subscription rates and nothing else," concluded Mr. Potter.

After Mr. Lonsdale had replied, the Board adjourned to 10 a.m. this morning for announcement of its decision.

News Discrimination Alleged At Meeting

The alleged discrimination in dissemination of news in regard to the visit of the Singapore Army Soccer XI over the Easter holidays was again discussed at a meeting of reporters of the Chinese Press yesterday.

This alleged discrimination resulted in a complete blackout of news in the Chinese Press, with one exception, regarding the visit and games of the Singapore Army Soccer team.

Leanderson Wins Boston Marathon

Boston, April 19.

Karl Gosta Leanderson, lone challenger from Sweden, but one of Europe's outstanding distance runners, today won the Boston marathon over 26 miles 385 yards in two hours 31 minutes 50.8 seconds.

This was the 53rd race and the Swede led the 137 other runners for most of the journey to win from Dr. Drygal, of New York, whose time was two hours 35 minutes 44 seconds.

The record for the course was two hours 25 minutes 30 seconds by Yun Bok Suh, of Korea, two years ago. He was expected to compete again, but the last officials heard from him was that he was stranded in Tokyo awaiting a plane to America.

Louis White, the Boston Negro, was third in two hours 36 minutes 48 seconds. Johnny Kelly, running his 19th marathon, fourth and Joe Smith was fifth.

Leanderson was never worse than in fourth place throughout the race and once the half distance was passed he was never headed.—Reuter.

BIG DEAL FOR LEON VOLTERRA

London, April 20.

The man who sells English Derby winners has made another big deal.

Leon Voltterra, French racehorse owner and breeder, has sold Jack Hylton, London theatrical impresario, a share in the three year olds Royal Empire and Lord Drake.

Both are entered in the mile and a half Derby classic at Epsom on June 4. Royal Empire is offered by bookmakers at 25-1 and up. Lord Drake is an outsider.

The transaction was disclosed yesterday. Salt and two percentage of Hylton's share were not known.—Associated Press

PROBABLE EPSOM RUNNERS

London, April 19.

The probable runners and jockeys for the City and Suburban Handicap, to be run over one and a quarter miles at Epsom tomorrow number 11.

They are: Impeccable (Gordon Richards), Hope Street (Edgar Britt), Rear Admiral (D. Robertson), Native Heath (Eph Smith), Mighty Maharatta (C. Smirke), Ten Spot (Douglas Smith), Liberty Light (T. Gosling), Performance (Billy Cook), Allzane (H. Packham), Donbar (S. Grahame), and Humming Bird (C. Orton).—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, April 19.

The results of soccer games played today were: First Division: Wolverhampton 6 Sheffield United 0; Aston Villa 1 Sunderland 1.

Second Division: Coventry City 1 West Bromwich 0; Sheffield Wed. 0 Chesterfield 0.

Third Division Northern: Bradford City 2 Accrington Stanley 2; Fourth Division Southern: Torquay United 2 Crystal Palace 0.

Scottish "A": Third Lanark 3 Hibernian 2.—Reuter.

Dublin, April 20.

T. G. McVerry was named non-playing captain yesterday of the Irish lawn tennis team to play Chile in the European zone Davis Cup match here on April 30, May 2 and 3.

The players will be Cyril Kemp, Guy Jackson, J. P. McHale and K. F. Egan.—Associated Press.

Brussels, April 19.

Financial difficulties will prevent a Belgian team from taking part in the European basketball championship due to be played off in Cairo next month.—Reuter.

Club, Police Win Easily In Soccer Encounters

The two First Division soccer games played yesterday resulted in easy victories for Club and Police, who overcame Royal Navy and South China "B" respectively.

Club, who entertained a weakened Royal Navy XI at Happy Valley, had no difficulty in beating their opponents by seven goals to two.

The Club players all wore black armbands and observed one minute's silence before the kick-off as a mark of respect for Mr. A. Mackenzie, who died on Sunday last.

South China "B" who visited Haundary Street and have never found this spot to be a happy hunting ground, went down to Police by four goals to two.

After the breather Police showed better combination and Chan On-yin scored again from a good pass by Redman, Tam Yung-kun and Redman completed the scoring for Police.

Lee Yuk-luk scored both goals for South China, one of which was from a penalty.

Police: Ho Sing; Tsang Sak-hong, Fung Pak-chang; Chan On-yin, Howlett, Lau Wing-kong, Ng Yiu-wai, Colliers, Redman, Yuen Yiu-lam and Tam Yung-kun.

South China "B": Choy Kin-chung; Li Sack-ching, Tsang Chung-wun; Chung Fook-luen, Sin Yau-sang, Leung Sheung-luk; Chiu Wing-kong, Au Chi-yin, Chan Tak-fai, Li Yuk-luk and Tong Sheung.

Today's Soccer SECOND DIVISION

Police v South China: Haundary Street, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: P.A. Barretto. Club v Army-KI: Club, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Hui Manus.

Navy v P.C.A.: Navy, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: A. Lee. Tramway v X.M.B. (PP from 21.10.48): Army, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: Li Hing-jong.

C.A.A. v Kit Chai: Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.; Referee: A.F. Willis.

CLUB 2ND XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in a 2nd Division soccer game against the Army (Kowloon) at the Club ground today.

Brown, Taylor, Unghart, McKay, Loche, de Rome, Barclay, Gaffney, Baker, Hooper, Barker. Kick off: 6.45 p.m.

The Spring tennis tournaments in Club de Recreio as well as the Kowloon Cricket Club were postponed yesterday owing to the soft condition of the courts caused by Monday's heavy rainfall.

Foreign Fighters To Help U.S. Boxing

New York, April 19.

Jack Dempsey believes that competent foreign fighters will play an important part in helping American professional boxing regain its pre-war status.

"It is good to bring the European fighters to America," he said. "They make the American boys work harder and that's good for boxing. The Europeans are willing to put everything they have into fighting, because if they make good they will make amounts of money they could not possibly have earned in their home towns. With good foreigners in the ring, the American fighters will have to train harder and work harder to meet the competition."

Dempsey practices what he preaches. He imported the Austrian heavyweight, Joe Weidner, who has had only one different success, the French middleweight, Laurent Dau-thuille, who has been impressive at Montreal, and his latest importation is Ellis Ask, Finnish featherweight.

The former heavyweight champion is enthusiastic about Ask. "He can punch with either hand and he's a pretty good boxer for his limited experience. He has no marks after 23 fights, which shows he can move and block."

"I won't try to change his style—I don't believe in doing that. I will just try to develop his weak points into strong points," Dempsey continued. "He is a busy kid in the ring and that

kind of fighter is good for the fight game."

Dempsey obviously was sincere as he talked to the press at a cocktail party at his Broadway restaurant during which the likeable Ask met the boxing writers.

"Sometimes it is a handicap for a boxer to have me as one of his handlers," said Dempsey. "People expect too much of a man Dempsey says they think the kid should win all his fights with a one-punch knockout."

Ask is not under ironclad contract to Dempsey. "I don't believe in tying up a fighter to one outfit," Dempsey explained. "The fighters should be free to go where they can get the most money. That kind of promotional competition makes for good fights which will draw big gates and that is good for boxing."—United Press.

RESULTS

AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

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Police 4 S. China "B" 1

SECOND DIVISION

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St. Joseph's — Talkoo

*Talkoo received a walk-over from St. Joseph's, who were unable to field a team.

Sands Beats Caboché, French Boxer

London, April 19.

Dave Sands, the Australian triple champion, outpointed Lucienne Caboché, of France, in a ten-round middleweight contest at the Royal Albert Hall tonight.

The fight was disappointing and there were few highlights throughout the ten rounds.

The Australian's eagerness to please after his recent defeat by the American Yarnoz in his first British fight won him practically every round, but no in a way that made him look a champion.

The Frenchman proved only a moderate fighter with little to offer and he covered up and retreated throughout the early rounds.

Sands found difficulty in penetrating Caboché's defence, but there was little doubt that the Frenchman was out-classed in what boxing was seen. He received plenty of applause from the crowd for a plucky display.

Sections of the crowd became bored with the poor fight and many left the arena about half time. Some called for Danny Kaye to give them some excitement.

The famous American comedian was in a ring-side seat. The Frenchman's bobbing and weaving made him a difficult target, but he was not as dangerous as he could be termed dangerous.

In fact both boxers landed many times, but there was no sign that either was in danger of taking a count.

Caboché did show signs of nose bleeding in the eighth round, but he had not indicated that Sands would be a worthy opponent for the world champion, Marcel Cerdan.—Reuter.

Rugby Results

London, April 19.

Results of rugby football games played today were: Union: Bath 3 Leicester 8; Bridgewater and Albion 0 Coventry 0; Cardiff 9 Northampton 15; Llanelli 3 Welsh Universities 8; Newport 5 Barbarians 6; Pontypool 10; Devonport 10; Stroud 6; Notts 6; Newbridge 2; Birmingham 8; Abernethy 20; London University 8; Exeter 14; Bridgend 9; Llynedy 8; Gloucester 0; Maesteg 6; Nuneaton 3; Penzance and Newlyn 5; St. Thomas's 11.—Reuter.

League: Bradford Northern 11; Wakefield Trinity 6; Cusdelford 8; Batley 12; Halifax 6; Liverpool 12; Stanley 0; Huddersfield 48; Featherstone Rovers 7; Leeds 48; Hull 11.—Reuter.

Frank Parker (USA) withdrew from the doubles in the international lawn tennis tournament here today, pleading weariness after his many tournaments in recent months.

Parker's place as partner to Henri Cochet was taken by Pedro Massip (Spain). Having drawn a bye, they easily won their second round match 6/1, 6/2 against Philippe Chatrier and Jean Helinari (France).—Reuter.

Washington, April 19. The State Department announced today that the United States Minister to Uruguay, Mr. Rudolf Schoenfeld, will return to Bucharest next Saturday by air. He has been in the United States for home leave and consultation since February 5.—Reuter.

Worcester, Massachusetts, April 20. Graton and Knight Corporation, which has subsidiaries in London, England, and Sherbrooke, Canada, plans to build a US\$4,000,000 millinery with a capacity of 6,000 hives a week in Albany, Georgia.—Associated Press.

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